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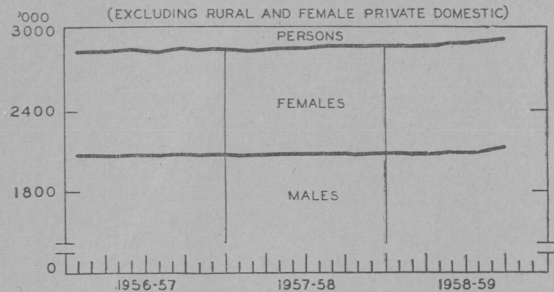
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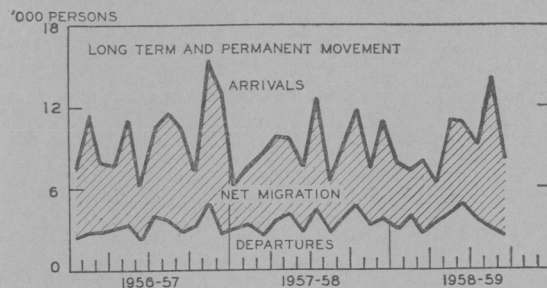
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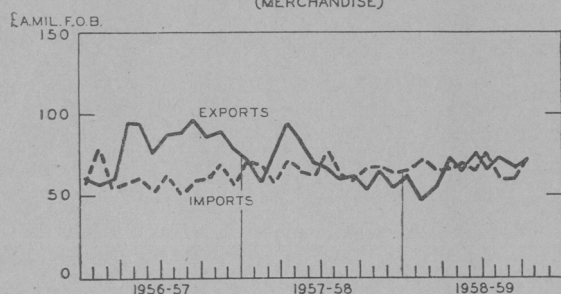
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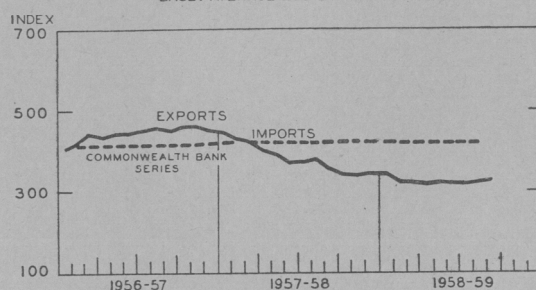
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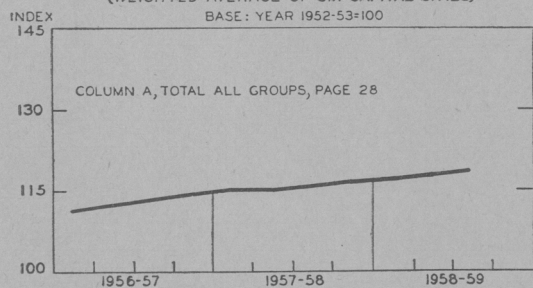
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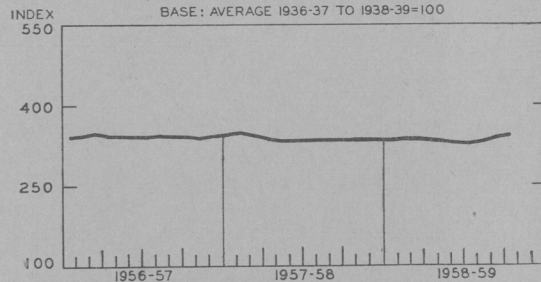
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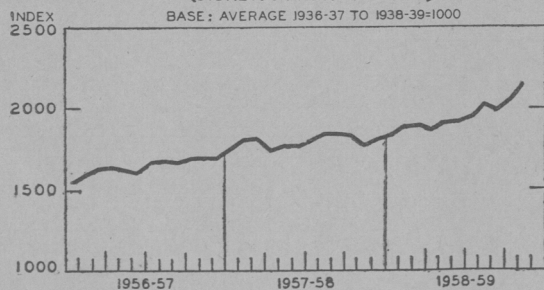
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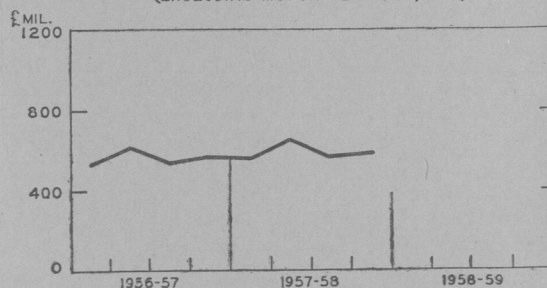
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics). —End of Month. (a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f)
	Males.	Females.	Total		Wholesale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
<b>Monthly Average—</b>	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
1936-37 .. ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38 .. ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39 .. ..	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1951-52 .. ..	1,950	718	2,668	2,221	162.1	404.0	87.5	55.4	9,699	(h)20,231
1952-53 .. ..	1,910	679	2,589	2,428	158.1	425.5	42.5	70.7	10,040	(h)16,152
1953-54 .. ..	1,954	707	2,661	2,553	179.5	460.2	56.5	67.7	12,356	(h)19,219
1954-55 .. ..	2,018	740	2,758	2,682	205.5	505.2	70.1	63.2	17,892	19,309
1955-56 .. ..	2,067	768	2,835	2,863	221.3	542.1	68.2	64.2	18,881	18,155
1956-57 .. ..	2,081	779	2,860	3,015	233.2	564.8	59.7	81.1	17,401	17,364
1957-58 .. ..	r2,089	791	r2,880	3,097	246.3	594.2	65.8	67.6	19,160	18,337
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1956-57—										
April .. ..	2,080	782	2,862	3,038	227.8	567.0	60.8	87.2	16,262	18,483
May .. ..	2,085	782	2,867		252.9		69.1	90.7	21,322	
June .. ..	2,085	780	2,865		222.7		55.9	78.1	19,386	
1957-58—										
July .. ..	2,083	780	2,863	3,087	235.3	564.0	70.6	70.6	20,078	18,920
August .. ..	2,080	781	2,861		235.3		67.9	58.1	21,333	
September ..	2,083	784	2,867		254.7		56.9	75.7	19,789	
October .. ..	2,085	787	2,872	3,105	267.4	655.6	71.8	94.2	18,779	17,048
November ..	2,084	795	2,879		265.2		64.2	83.0	17,200	
December ..	2,081	792	2,873		255.8		62.0	70.2	13,469	
January .. ..	2,087	790	2,877	3,093	211.8	568.6	77.0	66.6	19,659	17,886
February ..	2,093	799	2,892		237.6		62.4	60.1	17,001	
March .. ..	2,097	801	2,898		247.7		59.4	60.9	18,273	
April .. ..	2,097	796	2,893	3,102	239.2	588.7	67.1	52.9	22,059	19,493
May .. ..	2,098	795	2,893		260.3		66.6	64.3	20,878	
June .. ..	2,098	792	2,890		244.7		63.2	54.9	21,404	
1958-59—										
July .. ..	2,094	793	2,887	3,178	252.1	265.3	p63.8	p61.2	26,250	21,597
August .. ..	2,091	792	2,883		246.9		72.9	r47.3	22,283	
September ..	2,092	794	2,886		265.3		r65.5	55.1	22,910	
October .. ..	2,097	795	2,892	3,207	273.7	274.7	r65.6	r72.9	22,187	18,782
November ..	2,105	800	2,905		274.7		r67.5	r65.3	19,959	
December ..	2,100	802	2,902		r275.0		61.9	74.3	16,506	
January .. ..	2,103	798	2,901	3,178	p205.8	p242.0	74.4	r65.2	16,015	p20,346
February ..	2,114	807	2,921		242.0		58.6	r72.2	20,195	
March .. ..	2,117	810	2,927				58.9	r66.3	21,351	
April .. ..	2,120	810	2,930				73.0	71.7	23,495	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. New series from June, 1955. See note (b) page 8.  
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Moto. Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) July 1939: obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1951-52 ..	1,598	941	126.8	10.5	6.1	11,626	4,948	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
1957-58 ..	p1,697	p1,649	p258.8	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.0
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1956-57—						(c)				
April ..	1,533	1,502	246.9	11.3	4.7	15,220	7,539	1,395.0	743.5	593.9
May ..	1,778	1,693	250.5	14.6	5.8	16,569	8,457	1,368.7	757.3	597.2
June ..	1,583	1,616	246.8	12.3	5.3	14,454	8,962	1,362.1	766.2	588.8
1957-58—	p	p	p							
July ..	1,913	1,817	264.2	13.0	5.3	15,703	7,423	1,349.6	770.5	600.7
August ..	1,845	1,773	271.7	11.9	5.4	15,763	7,532	1,331.9	762.0	527.5
September ..	1,824	1,641	261.5	13.4	5.4	15,810	7,503	1,342.2	756.1	577.0
October ..	1,940	1,665	263.9	15.3	6.1	16,484	8,563	1,385.5	765.5	603.3
November ..	1,831	1,584	246.4	14.6	5.7	15,176	7,510	1,406.6	772.0	608.3
December ..	1,347	1,530	250.9	14.8	5.4	13,887	8,623	1,431.7	766.3	667.5
January ..	1,233	1,518	269.9	11.1	4.6	13,676	8,469	1,445.7	753.4	512.7
February ..	1,661	1,468	232.6	13.9	5.5	13,364	7,565	1,443.6	749.6	587.6
March ..	1,670	1,632	265.9	13.7	6.1	15,026	8,154	1,449.6	754.6	609.4
April ..	1,620	1,588	254.2	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	609.4
May ..	1,769	1,766	277.6	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.2
June ..	1,708	1,813	256.6	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.0
1958-59—										
July ..	2,017	1,968	270.5	13.9	6.1	15,271	8,449	1,331.2	844.9	622.7
August ..	1,837	1,852	267.2	13.6	5.5	15,233	7,661	1,321.5	838.8	558.2
September ..	1,803	1,775	263.6	14.7	5.9	15,914	8,512	1,324.0	829.8	597.7
October ..	r1,983	1,774	265.3	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	830.9	639.8
November ..	r1,754	1,660	262.7	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	644.4
December ..	r1,342	1,638	269.9	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	706.7
January ..	1,133	r1,591	267.6	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	524.4
February ..	1,660	1,574	244.0	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.2
March ..	1,673	1,688	274.2	r13.2	6.1		8,450	1,431.6	764.3	663.7
April ..		1,731	265.4	p15.1	7.0		9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.0

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>							
1948-49 .. ..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	(d) 49,826	7,908,066
1949-50 .. ..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51 .. ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52 .. ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53 .. ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54 .. ..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	8,986,530
1954-55 .. ..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56 .. ..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57 .. ..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58 .. ..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>							
1955-56—							
December Qtr. ..	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
March „ ..	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
June „ ..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
1956-57—							
September „ ..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December „ ..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March „ ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June „ ..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58—							
September „ ..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December „ ..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March „ ..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June „ ..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—							
September „ ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December „ ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March „ ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
<b>30th June—</b>									
1949 ..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386	7,908,066
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
<b>31st March—</b>									
1959 ..	3,745,201	2,796,959	1,428,656	914,763	714,569	343,990	19,747	44,780	10,008,665

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows :— 1955, 32,750 ; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1948-49 .. ..	2,007	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	8,057
1949-50 .. ..	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51 .. ..	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52 .. ..	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53 .. ..	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54 .. ..	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55 .. ..	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56 .. ..	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57 .. ..	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58 .. ..	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
<b>1956-57—</b>							
December .. ..	5,533	4,079	5,603	13,526	6,219	2,429	3,790
January .. ..	5,347	4,437	5,333	6,432	10,731	4,143	6,588
February .. ..	4,787	5,010	5,557	5,639	11,577	3,740	7,837
March .. ..	4,203	5,007	5,674	5,315	10,601	2,889	7,712
April .. ..	3,853	6,206	4,311	5,443	7,409	3,192	4,217
May .. ..	3,870	5,792	4,530	5,626	15,378	4,881	10,497
June .. ..	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
<b>1957-58—</b>							
July .. ..	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August .. ..	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478
September .. ..	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950
October .. ..	6,142	3,156	4,926	4,265	9,823	3,659	6,164
November .. ..	5,866	3,811	5,135	6,260	9,679	4,154	5,525
December .. ..	5,265	5,537	6,790	5,255	7,734	2,821	4,913
January .. ..	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February .. ..	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March .. ..	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April .. ..	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May .. ..	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June .. ..	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
<b>1958-59—</b>							
July .. ..	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August .. ..	5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September .. ..	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October .. ..	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November .. ..	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December .. ..	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January p .. ..	6,231	4,397	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,639	5,552
February p .. ..	5,033	4,905	6,238	6,021	14,003	3,156	10,847
March p .. ..	4,428	5,228	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,564	5,549

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.(c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1956—June ..	604.9	1,476.8	2,081.7	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1957—June ..	609.5	1,475.5	2,085.0	56.3	780.2	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	193.0
1958—June ..	621.8	1,475.7	2,097.5	51.6	791.1	202.3	311.8	132.5	216.3	196.2
1958—January ..	611.9	1,475.3	2,087.2	53.3	786.5	198.5	310.2	133.1	217.0	194.4
February ..	614.5	1,478.2	2,092.7	53.0	790.8	199.0	309.3	133.2	217.8	195.1
March ..	616.4	1,480.3	2,096.7	52.7	793.3	199.3	310.7	132.4	217.7	195.8
April ..	618.8	1,478.5	2,097.3	52.6	791.6	200.5	310.6	132.3	217.9	196.6
1959—January ..	627.1	1,475.6	2,102.7	49.7	788.9	200.8	311.7	133.8	221.4	198.8
February ..	r631.2	r1,482.3	2,113.5	49.6	793.8	202.9	312.2	133.6	222.3	201.0
March ..	r632.0	r1,484.6	2,116.6	49.1	796.3	203.5	312.6	133.0	222.2	201.8
April ..	633.6	1,486.4	2,120.0	49.2	797.9	205.4	312.7	132.8	222.7	201.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1956—June ..	129.8	643.3	773.1	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1957—June ..	132.8	647.0	779.8	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3	241.8
1958—June ..	136.6	655.5	792.1	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.4	92.3	246.2
1958—January ..	132.7	656.8	789.5	1.1	245.4	5.4	40.2	125.5	91.7	242.7
February ..	136.3	662.5	798.8	1.2	251.0	5.4	40.3	124.6	92.8	245.9
March ..	136.7	664.5	801.2	1.1	252.8	5.4	40.4	124.2	93.1	246.4
April ..	136.4	659.4	795.8	1.1	247.5	5.4	40.3	124.4	92.9	246.6
1959—January ..	138.6	659.5	798.1	1.1	242.3	5.5	40.3	126.8	93.7	250.1
February ..	r143.0	r664.5	r807.5	1.1	247.2	5.5	40.5	125.8	94.8	r254.0
March ..	r143.4	r667.0	r810.4	1.1	247.9	5.6	40.5	125.7	95.3	r255.6
April ..	143.7	666.0	809.7	1.1	246.5	5.6	40.4	125.9	95.4	256.1
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,750.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1956—June ..	734.7	2,120.1	2,854.8	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1957—June ..	742.3	2,122.5	2,864.8	57.5	1,023.1	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3	434.8
1958—June ..	758.4	2,131.2	2,889.6	52.7	1,035.1	207.8	351.7	257.9	308.6	442.4
1958—January ..	744.6	2,132.1	2,876.7	54.4	1,031.9	203.9	350.4	258.6	308.7	437.1
February ..	750.8	2,140.7	2,891.5	54.2	1,041.8	204.4	349.6	257.8	310.6	441.0
March ..	753.1	2,144.8	2,897.9	53.8	1,046.1	204.7	351.1	256.6	310.8	442.2
April ..	755.2	2,137.9	2,893.1	53.7	1,039.1	205.9	350.9	256.7	310.8	443.2
1959—January ..	765.7	2,135.1	2,900.8	50.8	1,031.2	206.3	352.0	260.6	315.1	448.9
February ..	r774.2	r2,146.8	r2,921.0	50.7	1,041.0	208.4	352.7	259.4	317.1	r455.0
March ..	r775.4	r2,151.6	r2,927.0	50.2	1,044.2	209.1	353.1	258.7	317.5	r457.4
April ..	777.3	2,152.4	2,929.7	50.3	1,044.4	211.0	353.1	258.7	318.1	457.4

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(c) See note (b), page 8.

(d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestic).

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)(b)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1956—June ..	808.5	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.0	8.5	2,081.7
1957—June ..	810.5	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	9.3	2,085.0
1958—June ..	814.5	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	10.1	2,097.5
1957—December	812.3	589.2	272.7	185.8	138.7	66.9	5.7	9.9	2,081.2
1958—January ..	813.7	591.7	273.6	186.6	138.7	67.4	5.6	9.9	2,087.2
February ..	815.8	593.2	275.4	186.5	138.9	67.4	5.6	9.9	2,092.7
March ..	815.3	595.1	277.3	186.3	139.8	67.4	5.5	10.0	2,096.7
April ..	816.3	594.1	278.0	186.3	139.4	67.8	5.4	10.0	2,097.3
December	816.4	596.4	278.3	187.0	139.3	67.0	5.8	10.4	2,100.6
1959—January ..	816.3	598.6	278.0	187.6	139.3	67.0	5.7	10.2	2,102.7
February ..	817.5	602.7	281.7	189.0	139.2	67.4	5.8	10.2	2,113.5
March ..	817.5	603.8	282.7	189.3	139.7	67.7	5.7	10.2	2,116.6
April ..	817.8	603.5	285.1	190.2	139.8	67.4	5.8	10.4	2,120.0
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.1	3.1	773.1
1957—June ..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.3	779.8
1958—June ..	314.5	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.4	792.1
1957—December	317.0	r243.4	95.2	63.3	46.0	22.8	1.3	3.3	r792.3
1958—January ..	313.9	244.2	94.6	64.0	45.2	22.9	1.3	3.4	789.5
February ..	316.0	249.2	96.1	64.1	45.7	23.0	1.3	3.4	798.8
March ..	316.2	250.3	96.2	64.7	46.0	23.1	1.3	3.4	801.2
April ..	315.6	246.9	95.4	63.8	45.9	23.5	1.3	3.4	795.8
December	319.4	246.6	96.3	64.2	46.8	23.1	1.4	3.3	801.1
1959—January ..	315.8	246.7	96.4	64.8	46.3	23.2	1.4	3.5	798.1
February ..	r318.0	252.3	97.9	64.8	46.5	23.0	1.4	3.6	r807.5
March ..	r319.0	253.6	97.4	65.4	46.8	23.1	1.4	3.7	r810.4
April ..	319.4	252.5	97.2	65.0	46.8	23.7	1.4	3.7	809.7
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1956—June ..	1,114.4	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.1	11.6	2,854.8
1957—June ..	1,119.8	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	12.6	2,864.8
1958—June ..	1,129.0	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	13.5	2,889.6
1957—December	1,129.3	r832.6	367.9	249.1	184.7	89.7	7.0	13.2	r2,873.5
1958—January ..	1,127.6	835.9	368.2	250.6	183.9	90.3	6.9	13.3	2,876.7
February ..	1,131.8	842.4	371.5	250.6	184.6	90.4	6.9	13.3	2,891.5
March ..	1,131.5	845.4	373.5	251.0	185.8	90.5	6.8	13.4	2,897.9
April ..	1,131.9	841.0	373.4	250.1	185.3	91.3	6.7	13.4	2,893.1
December	1,135.8	843.0	374.6	251.2	186.1	90.1	7.2	13.7	2,901.7
1959—January ..	1,132.1	845.3	374.4	252.4	185.6	90.2	7.1	13.7	2,900.8
February ..	r1,135.5	855.0	379.6	253.8	185.7	90.4	7.2	13.8	r2,921.0
March ..	r1,136.5	857.4	380.1	254.7	186.5	90.8	7.1	13.9	r2,927.0
April ..	1,137.2	856.0	382.3	255.2	186.6	91.1	7.2	14.1	2,929.7

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.  
page 8. See also notes on page 6.

(b) See note (b).

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-man-ia.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly Figures—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1950-51 ..	392.2	304.0	90.2	80.7	41.5	22.8	693.0	238.4	931.4	1,772	1,466
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.9	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
At end of Month—											
1956-57—											
April ..	421.8	342.5	96.6	89.2	46.3	26.7	777.3	245.8	1,023.1	1,946	1,392
May ..	422.7	341.3	98.2	88.5	46.3	26.8	779.8	244.0	1,023.8	1,947	1,390
June ..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9	1,023.1	1,946	1,386
1957-58—											
July ..	422.9	340.4	99.9	88.4	45.4	26.5	781.1	242.4	1,023.5	1,947	1,385
August ..	423.9	340.1	99.9	88.7	45.4	26.1	780.6	243.5	1,024.1	1,948	1,384
September ..	426.4	341.6	99.1	89.0	45.9	26.0	783.0	245.0	1,028.0	1,955	1,387
October ..	428.6	342.9	98.6	89.4	46.0	26.0	785.2	246.3	1,031.5	1,962	1,389
November ..	431.2	344.7	96.2	89.3	46.1	26.1	785.8	247.8	1,033.6	1,966	1,388
December ..	428.1	343.3	91.8	89.4	45.8	27.3	781.1	244.6	1,025.7	1,951	1,375
January ..	428.0	346.7	93.0	90.6	45.7	27.9	786.5	245.4	1,031.9	1,963	1,381
February ..	431.5	351.1	95.1	90.5	46.2	27.4	790.8	251.0	1,041.8	1,981	1,391
March ..	432.9	352.3	96.5	90.9	46.3	27.2	793.3	252.8	1,046.1	1,990	1,395
April ..	432.6	347.3	95.9	89.8	46.0	27.5	791.6	247.5	1,039.1	1,976	1,383
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
1958-59—											
July ..	431.4	341.6	100.1	88.8	44.7	26.9	790.3	243.2	1,033.5	1,966	1,369
August ..	431.1	341.0	100.3	88.6	44.6	26.2	788.6	243.2	1,031.8	1,963	1,365
September ..	431.3	342.3	100.1	88.8	44.6	25.8	789.4	243.5	1,032.9	1,965	1,364
October ..	431.6	343.4	100.3	89.2	44.7	25.8	791.7	243.3	1,035.0	1,969	1,365
November ..	432.3	344.7	100.2	89.1	44.9	26.0	793.8	243.4	1,037.2	1,973	1,364
December ..	429.9	343.8	94.1	89.0	44.8	27.1	787.0	241.7	1,028.7	1,956	1,350
January ..	429.9	344.6	94.4	90.2	44.6	27.5	788.9	242.3	1,031.2	1,961	1,351
February ..	432.1	349.4	98.0	90.0	44.7	26.8	793.8	247.2	1,041.0	1,980	1,362
March ..	433.1	350.8	97.7	90.7	44.9	27.0	796.3	247.9	1,044.2	1,986	1,363
April ..	433.6	349.5	98.6	90.4	44.9	27.4	797.9	246.5	1,044.4	1,986	1,361

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, are based on the results of the annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Average of Monthly Figures—									
1951-52.. ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53.. ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54.. ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55.. ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56.. ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1956-57.. ..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7
1957-58.. ..	98.9	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.2	125.0	257.2
At end of Month—									
1956-57—									
April .. ..	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	128.8	120.7	249.5
May .. ..	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	129.3	121.9	251.2
June .. ..	95.0	70.7	32.2	24.4	19.8	7.9	129.4	121.3	250.7
1957-58—									
July .. ..	95.4	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.6	121.3	250.9
August .. ..	95.8	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.5	121.0	250.5
September ..	96.5	71.0	32.3	24.4	19.6	7.7	130.0	122.1	252.1
October .. ..	98.3	71.5	32.5	24.4	19.6	7.6	130.8	123.9	254.7
November ..	103.0	73.8	33.4	25.2	20.1	7.8	134.0	129.9	263.9
December ..	104.2	75.5	33.1	25.1	20.6	8.1	136.2	131.2	267.4
January .. ..	99.5	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.1	125.5	258.6
February ..	99.3	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.2	124.6	257.8
March .. ..	98.6	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.4	124.2	256.6
April .. ..	98.4	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.3	124.4	256.7
May .. ..	99.5	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.0	125.8	258.8
June .. ..	98.7	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.5	125.4	257.9
1958-59—									
July .. ..	98.9	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.3	125.3	257.6
August .. ..	98.2	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.0	124.7	256.7
September ..	98.4	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.6	125.2	257.8
October .. ..	99.1	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.0	126.2	259.2
November ..	102.6	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.6	130.5	266.1
December ..	106.2	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	138.9	133.3	272.2
January .. ..	98.8	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	133.8	126.8	260.6
February ..	98.2	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.6	125.8	259.4
March .. ..	97.9	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.0	125.7	258.7
April .. ..	98.1	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	132.8	125.9	258.7

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.  
Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the Northern



# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	Australia.	(b) Australia.
<b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b>											
1948-49(c) ..	d 282	32	1,094	(e) 15	121	31	(f)	(g)	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50(c) ..	d 8,327	123	1,371	(e) 241	155	30	(f)	(g)	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51(c) ..	d 287	71	326	(e) 6	59	14	(f)	(g)	763	7,059	863
1951-52 ..	d 949	220	1,374	(e) 24	64	16	(f)	(g)	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53 ..	d 17,590	6,168	4,281	(e) 842	841	262	(f)	(g)	29,984	7,140	1,408
1953-54 ..	d 6,495	2,698	3,169	(e) 252	406	212	(f)	(g)	13,232	7,994	1,868
1954-55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012
1957-58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107
<b>Last Saturday of Month—</b>											
1956-57—											
April ..	5,230	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	..	14	15,453	6,506	2,008
May ..	5,378	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	..	7	15,325	6,896	1,985
June ..	6,230	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	..	12	18,071	6,845	1,971
1957-58—											
July ..	7,318	5,887	2,411	1,345	2,772	543	..	15	20,291	6,813	1,970
August ..	7,878	5,618	2,216	1,320	2,458	665	..	20	20,175	7,176	1,965
September ..	7,177	5,271	2,458	1,233	2,120	695	2	19	18,975	7,305	1,997
October ..	6,446	4,661	2,585	1,240	2,075	662	2	17	17,688	7,309	2,050
November ..	7,005	4,390	4,450	1,418	1,865	594	2	24	19,748	7,343	2,097
December ..	8,900	4,695	7,801	1,568	2,393	591	2	55	26,005	6,815	2,150
January ..	9,835	4,974	9,357	1,518	2,596	434	4	37	28,755	6,858	2,168
February ..	9,575	4,085	9,431	1,425	2,257	326	19	45	27,163	7,464	2,180
March ..	8,673	4,135	7,814	1,521	2,018	243	33	48	24,485	7,299	2,153
April ..	9,533	5,006	7,831	1,873	2,214	296	23	35	26,811	7,381	2,191
May ..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216
June ..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149
1958-59—											
July ..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093
August ..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091
September ..	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040
October ..	10,267	5,656	2,874	1,706	2,709	789	1	35	24,037	8,651	2,071
November ..	9,827	4,916	3,031	1,505	2,354	635	2	32	22,302	8,695	2,112
December ..	11,819	5,436	5,460	1,703	2,501	580	4	62	27,565	7,888	2,034
January ..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157
February ..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235
March ..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157
April ..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) Excludes migrants in reception and training centres.  
(c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Act 1947-1958. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Northern Territory. (f) Included with South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants. (b)	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
<b>Monthly Average—</b>								
1948-49.. ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50.. ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51.. ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52.. ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952-53.. ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953-54.. ..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954-55.. ..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955-56.. ..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956-57.. ..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
1957-58.. ..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	13,275	32,868	610,895
<b>Monthly Total—</b>								
1956-57—								
April .. ..	7,319	1,364	8,683	172,388	105,214	7,762	24,025	309,389
May .. ..	6,893	1,323	8,216	230,126	135,683	10,889	30,128	406,826
June(c) ..	10,135	2,143	12,278	256,044	148,461	18,573	31,609	454,687
1957-58—								
July .. ..	9,165	1,959	11,124	256,170	100,619	28,874	22,636	408,299
August(c) ..	10,309	1,755	12,064	322,989	145,700	20,775	26,473	515,937
September ..	7,272	1,370	8,642	274,373	114,295	16,827	22,881	428,376
October .. ..	6,219	1,305	7,524	273,086	126,589	14,961	23,588	438,224
November(c) ..	9,264	1,814	11,078	365,919	191,174	10,652	38,818	606,563
December ..	12,152	1,433	13,585	379,388	149,356	14,050	31,159	573,953
January .. ..	11,983	1,536	13,519	563,367	159,991	13,039	36,880	773,277
February ..	10,562	2,300	12,862	585,502	161,223	17,866	36,313	800,904
March(c) ..	10,629	2,661	13,290	479,702	179,936	5,594	39,326	704,558
April .. ..	9,264	2,508	11,772	450,781	167,238	7,175	37,634	662,828
May .. ..	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	6,289	43,205	753,276
June .. ..	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	3,198	35,493	664,549
1958-59—								
July .. ..	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	5,085	32,698	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	564,067	206,765	5,581	37,461	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	2,282	34,092	698,896
October .. ..	6,531	1,714	8,245	482,293	192,288	4,731	34,680	713,992
November(c) ..	7,786	2,323	10,109	431,426	195,064	1,588	34,838	662,916
December ..	10,291	1,906	12,197	393,728	156,186	5,902	31,778	587,594
January(c) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	605,054	171,145	12,200	29,778	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	9,395	37,133	788,307
March .. ..	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	5,915	34,235	686,996
April .. ..	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	5,911	40,303	749,339

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1957-58 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from a Census taken in respect of that year, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1949-50 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Footwear.	Hardware.(c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(e)
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>											
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6	51.1	276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2	63.1	342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0	76.9	404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.4	31.9	51.7	43.2	88.8	28.4	19.0	18.2	78.9	425.5	104.3
1953-54 ..	68.8	33.4	55.9	46.7	96.9	31.2	22.8	20.3	84.2	460.2	122.9
1954-55 ..	76.5	36.6	61.6	50.7	105.5	35.7	25.1	21.7	91.8	505.2	145.6
1955-56 ..	84.0	39.6	67.2	54.9	109.4	38.3	26.6	23.1	99.0	542.1	157.6
1956-57 ..	88.0	42.7	70.1	58.9	110.7	38.5	28.4	23.2	104.3	564.8	159.4
1957-58 ..	93.1	43.5	73.7	61.9	114.4	39.8	34.0	24.6	109.2	594.2	178.0
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>											
1952-53—											
June Qtr. ..	66.6	32.7	52.2	42.0	97.7	29.3	18.0	18.2	76.4	433.1	110.3
1953-54—											
Sept. " ..	67.9	33.4	53.0	41.9	88.0	29.6	20.1	19.6	78.9	432.4	113.6
Dec. " ..	72.9	33.8	58.5	51.9	111.4	34.9	28.0	22.8	96.6	510.8	127.3
Mar. " ..	65.6	32.7	56.0	48.3	82.7	28.7	22.1	18.1	78.6	432.8	117.4
June " ..	68.7	34.0	56.2	44.6	105.5	31.5	21.0	20.5	82.8	464.8	133.4
1954-55—											
Sept. " ..	72.3	35.9	58.2	45.4	97.3	34.3	23.1	21.8	82.3	470.6	141.5
Dec. " ..	80.7	36.5	64.1	53.7	120.2	39.2	30.8	24.6	104.8	554.6	149.0
Mar. " ..	74.2	35.9	62.2	53.6	90.0	33.6	24.0	19.3	87.7	480.5	137.3
June " ..	78.8	38.1	62.1	50.0	114.5	35.6	22.6	21.2	92.3	515.2	154.7
1955-56—											
Sept. " ..	81.3	38.4	63.6	49.2	103.1	37.7	25.1	23.4	92.0	513.8	160.8
Dec. " ..	86.3	39.3	69.9	58.7	125.5	42.2	33.0	25.7	115.9	596.5	164.1
Mar. " ..	83.8	39.3	68.9	57.0	93.1	35.7	24.6	20.7	92.4	515.5	151.1
June " ..	84.5	41.6	66.3	54.8	115.9	37.8	23.5	22.5	95.8	542.7	154.2
1956-57—											
Sept. " ..	86.8	42.1	67.7	53.3	102.3	36.7	24.5	23.0	97.7	534.1	153.8
Dec. " ..	92.0	42.7	72.6	64.2	128.3	42.7	34.0	26.0	118.4	620.9	165.0
Mar. " ..	84.9	42.4	70.2	60.6	95.7	36.6	26.6	21.1	99.0	537.1	153.9
June " ..	88.3	43.6	70.1	57.5	116.5	38.0	28.4	22.6	102.0	567.0	164.9
1957-58—											
Sept. " ..	90.1	44.3	69.9	56.8	107.2	38.3	29.8	24.5	103.1	564.0	169.6
Dec. " ..	96.1	42.7	77.5	69.0	134.1	44.6	38.8	27.4	125.4	655.6	186.8
Mar. " ..	92.0	42.7	74.8	63.6	96.5	38.0	34.4	22.6	104.0	568.6	174.3
June " ..	94.4	44.3	72.8	58.3	119.9	38.1	32.8	23.9	104.2	588.7	181.1

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.



# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. ..	25,405	17,710	697	10,464	412	59
1956-57 .. ..	26,376	18,717	710	11,389	432	61
1957-58 .. ..	29,761	21,419	720	13,092	440	61
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1957-58—						
February .. ..	28,012	20,504	732	12,445	444	61
March .. ..	30,459	22,576	741	13,732	451	61
April .. ..	31,369	23,186	739	14,103	450	61
May .. ..	32,571	24,025	738	14,694	451	61
June .. ..	29,546	21,525	729	13,236	448	61
1958-59—						
July .. ..	32,609	23,362	716	14,248	437	61
August .. ..	30,944	21,890	707	13,453	435	61
September .. ..	34,424	24,436	710	15,040	437	62
October .. ..	36,871	26,387	716	16,384	444	62
November .. ..	33,236	24,163	727	15,077	454	62
December .. ..	36,357	27,057	744	16,904	465	62
January p .. ..	29,734	20,754	698	13,041	439	63
February p .. ..	29,263	21,053	719	13,002	444	62
March p .. ..	31,003	22,754	734	14,125	456	62
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. ..	1,583	991	626	615	389	62
1956-57 .. ..	1,920	1,228	640	769	401	63
1957-58 .. ..	1,940	1,324	682	848	437	64
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1957-58—						
February .. ..	2,087	1,331	638	874	419	66
March .. ..	2,138	1,299	608	843	394	65
April .. ..	2,052	1,331	649	868	423	65
May .. ..	2,326	1,559	670	1,018	438	65
June .. ..	1,755	1,061	605	679	387	64
1958-59—						
July .. ..	2,107	1,371	651	903	429	66
August .. ..	2,024	1,281	633	843	417	66
September .. ..	2,409	1,759	730	1,142	474	65
October .. ..	3,006	2,134	710	1,327	441	62
November .. ..	3,087	2,537	822	1,610	522	63
December .. ..	3,142	2,536	807	1,661	529	65
January p .. ..	2,276	1,305	573	836	367	64
February p .. ..	2,512	1,805	719	1,088	433	60
March p .. ..	2,628	1,824	694	1,165	443	64

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. .. .	57,229	4,329	76	3,515	61	81
1956-57 .. .. .	57,496	4,448	77	3,568	62	80
1957-58 .. .. .	68,681	6,984	102	5,654	82	81
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1957-58—						
February .. .. .	68,488	7,235	106	5,821	85	80
March .. .. .	73,747	8,183	111	6,589	89	81
April .. .. .	67,134	7,087	106	5,757	86	81
May .. .. .	75,001	8,091	108	6,613	88	82
June .. .. .	67,577	6,964	103	5,658	84	81
1958-59—						
July .. .. .	71,356	7,364	103	6,014	84	82
August .. .. .	66,522	7,048	106	5,775	87	82
September .. .. .	70,835	7,421	105	6,057	86	82
October .. .. .	74,182	7,634	103	6,237	84	82
November .. .. .	69,636	6,976	100	5,710	82	82
December .. .. .	84,743	7,792	92	6,435	76	83
January p .. .. .	72,311	6,860	95	5,597	77	82
February p .. .. .	66,365	6,524	98	5,389	83	83
March p .. .. .	64,012	6,148	96	5,058	79	82
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1955-56 .. .. .	84,217	23,030	273	14,594	173	63
1956-57 .. .. .	85,792	24,393	284	15,726	183	64
1957-58 .. .. .	100,382	29,727	296	19,594	195	66
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1957-58—						
February .. .. .	98,587	29,070	295	19,140	194	66
March .. .. .	106,344	32,058	301	21,164	199	66
April .. .. .	100,555	31,604	314	20,728	206	66
May .. .. .	109,898	33,675	306	22,325	203	66
June .. .. .	98,878	29,550	299	19,573	198	66
1958-59—						
July .. .. .	106,072	32,097	303	21,165	200	66
August .. .. .	99,490	30,219	304	20,071	202	66
September .. .. .	107,668	33,616	312	22,239	207	66
October .. .. .	114,059	36,155	317	23,948	210	66
November .. .. .	105,959	33,676	318	22,397	211	67
December .. .. .	124,242	37,385	301	25,000	201	67
January p .. .. .	104,321	28,919	277	19,474	187	67
February p .. .. .	98,140	29,382	299	19,479	198	66
March p .. .. .	97,643	30,726	315	20,348	208	66

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)  
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954—							
30th June ..	50,779	30,806	22,489	13,380	10,154	4,772	132,380
30th September ..	54,340	34,240	24,193	15,132	11,382	5,274	144,561
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,319	41,843	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,137
30th June ..	69,067	44,590	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,693
30th September ..	75,174	48,283	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,223
31st December ..	79,654	53,180	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,176
1956—							
31st March ..	78,770	55,030	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,534
30th June ..	78,992	56,025	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,452
31st July ..	79,254	56,411	32,814	21,827	15,171	8,256	213,733
31st August ..	79,926	57,066	33,468	22,302	15,058	8,376	216,196
30th September ..	80,724	57,748	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	218,979
31st October ..	81,724	58,630	34,774	23,350	15,428	8,653	222,559
30th November ..	82,463	59,998	35,460	24,148	15,642	8,827	226,538
31st December ..	83,730	61,023	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,033	230,503
1957—							
31st January ..	83,962	61,317	36,365	25,126	15,783	8,998	231,551
28th February ..	83,740	61,585	36,484	25,237	15,416	8,988	231,450
31st March ..	83,617	61,866	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,049	231,697
30th April ..	84,008	62,231	36,796	25,164	15,448	8,994	232,641
31st May ..	84,383	63,011	36,910	25,306	15,519	9,034	234,163
30th June ..	85,131	64,045	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,023	235,970
31st July ..	85,925	65,031	37,062	25,369	15,558	9,008	237,953
31st August ..	86,758	66,387	37,482	25,553	15,760	8,998	240,938
30th September ..	88,364	67,434	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,985	244,527
31st October ..	90,330	69,199	38,332	26,191	16,398	9,028	249,478
30th November ..	92,824	71,459	39,274	26,727	16,900	9,219	256,403
31st December ..	96,060	74,138	40,286	27,454	17,470	9,457	264,865
1958—							
31st January ..	98,034	75,937	40,641	27,808	17,838	9,600	269,858
28th February ..	100,036	77,851	40,943	27,921	17,841	9,655	274,247
31st March ..	102,676	79,481	41,266	27,898	18,060	9,798	279,179
30th April ..	105,479	81,848	41,552	28,329	18,471	9,918	285,597
31st May ..	109,167	84,110	42,111	28,628	18,828	9,929	292,773
30th June ..	111,170	85,123	42,483	28,761	19,052	9,932	296,521
31st July ..	114,116	86,593	42,903	28,936	19,160	9,924	301,632
31st August ..	116,803	87,832	43,420	29,172	19,363	9,986	306,576
30th September ..	119,583	89,915	44,361	29,719	19,605	10,109	313,292
31st October ..	122,976	91,848	45,474	30,328	20,107	10,234	320,967
30th November ..	126,309	94,123	46,303	30,965	20,708	10,332	328,740
31st December ..	129,964	96,455	47,472	31,867	21,201	10,665	337,624
1959—							
31st January p ..	131,623	97,174	47,518	32,086	21,267	10,651	340,319
28th February p ..	133,543	97,744	47,799	32,125	20,654	10,663	342,528
31st March p ..	135,278	97,964	48,102	31,861	20,432	10,652	344,289

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.2	53.3	79.5
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.1	94.9	141.0
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.3	111.8	158.1
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.3	122.2	179.5
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8	175.5	246.3

Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.								Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
8½%	12½%	16½%	25%	30%						
1957-58—										
February	..	..	12.7	29.4	9.4	6.7	11.2	69.4	168.2	237.6
March	..	..	13.3	29.9	9.7	7.1	11.6	71.6	176.1	247.7
April ..	..	..	12.2	27.8	9.0	7.0	11.7	67.7	171.5	239.2
May ..	..	..	13.8	28.5	9.8	7.8	12.1	72.0	188.3	260.3
June ..	..	..	11.7	26.4	9.1	6.6	11.0	64.8	179.9	244.7
1958-59—										
July ..	..	..	13.5	30.0	8.8	7.6	10.4	70.3	181.8	252.1
August	..	..	14.1	30.7	9.1	7.6	12.0	73.5	173.4	246.9
September	..	..	15.0	33.9	10.0	7.8	12.7	79.4	185.9	265.3
October	..	..	16.2	36.6	10.5	7.9	12.8	84.0	189.7	273.7
November	..	..	16.8	36.0	9.9	7.6	12.1	82.4	192.3	274.7
December	..	..	r18.3	r38.8	r9.6	r8.8	11.4	r86.9	r188.1	r275.0
January(a)	..	..	r10.6	r28.5	r7.8	5.1	r8.3	r60.3	r145.5	205.8
February(a)	..	..	13.6	31.2	9.2	6.0	10.7	70.7	171.3	242.0

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants. (d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.				Total. (c)								
				Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i>	Other. (c)											
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic (5).		Class Ic (1-4).		CLASS I.		Class II.	Class III.				Class VII.		
<b>Monthly Average—</b>		%	%		%		%		%		%		%			
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	(f)	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	(f)	(f)	32,889	37.6	38,305	43.8	5,902	6.8	5,458	6.2	1,132	1.3
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9			14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	59.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 p—	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,149	41.3	34,566	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
<b>Monthly Total—</b>																
1956-57—																
April ..	1,999	3.3	570	0.9	3,947	6.5	25,282	41.5	31,798	52.2	2,525	4.1	2,576	4.2	431	0.7
May ..	1,770	2.6	652	0.9	4,891	7.1	31,399	45.4	38,712	56.0	2,468	3.6	2,513	3.6	805	1.2
June ..	1,799	3.2	538	1.0	4,377	7.8	24,815	44.4	31,529	56.4	1,783	3.2	1,430	2.6	481	0.9
1957-58 p—																
July ..	2,135	3.0	690	1.0	4,687	6.7	30,324	42.9	37,836	53.6	2,371	3.4	2,793	4.0	718	1.0
August ..	1,846	2.7	728	1.1	4,801	7.1	28,144	41.5	35,519	52.4	2,471	3.6	2,185	3.2	742	1.2
September ..	1,151	2.0	516	0.9	3,655	6.4	23,872	42.0	29,194	51.3	1,324	2.3	2,077	3.7	588	1.1
October ..	2,077	2.9	529	0.7	5,130	7.1	30,297	42.2	38,033	52.9	2,423	3.4	3,265	4.5	725	1.2
November ..	2,086	3.2	463	0.7	5,900	9.2	25,325	39.4	33,774	52.5	2,152	3.4	2,176	3.4	625	1.0
December ..	1,642	2.6	535	0.9	4,294	7.0	24,412	39.5	30,883	50.0	1,642	2.7	1,912	3.1	675	1.1
January ..	2,298	3.0	661	0.9	5,702	7.4	32,464	42.0	41,125	53.3	2,205	2.9	2,472	3.2	258	0.3
February..	2,116	3.4	981	1.5	4,944	7.9	25,469	40.8	33,510	53.6	2,251	3.6	1,879	3.0	429	0.7
March ..	2,043	3.4	909	1.5	3,111	5.2	24,167	40.7	30,230	50.8	1,598	2.7	1,792	3.0	672	1.1
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3	29,787	44.3	36,502	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9	25,310	38.0	33,978	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4	26,220	41.5	34,208	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0
1958-59 p—																
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3	26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8	28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	836	1.1
September ..	2,281	3.5	519	0.8	4,816	7.3	26,132	39.9	33,748	51.5	2,358	3.6	1,820	2.8	898	1.4
October ..	1,676	2.5	822	1.3	5,159	7.9	25,655	39.1	33,312	50.8	2,820	4.3	2,626	4.0	1,059	1.6
November ..	1,763	2.6	729	1.1	5,820	8.7	27,836	41.3	36,148	53.7	2,400	3.6	2,897	4.3	579	0.9
December ..	2,277	3.7	620	1.0	4,616	7.5	26,262	42.4	33,775	54.6	1,814	2.9	2,691	4.3	467	0.8
January ..	2,108	2.8	519	0.7	4,924	6.6	33,314	44.8	40,865	54.9	2,873	3.9	2,612	3.5	499	0.6
February..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7	23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	4.4	1,660	2.8	781	1.3
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7	22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	3.7	1,751	3.0	709	1.2
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955; excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,942	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	9,896	11.3	14,119	16.1
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4	4,751	11.2
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9	9,840	17.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b)1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 p—	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,917	13.6	11,869	18.0
Monthly Total—														
1956-57—														
April ..	10,678	17.6	736	1.2	1,739	2.9	2,813	4.6	297	0.5	7,217	12.0	10,327	17.1
May ..	12,363	17.9	1,054	1.5	1,078	1.5	1,944	2.8	252	0.4	7,933	11.5	10,129	14.7
June ..	9,573	17.1	826	1.5	1,306	2.3	1,870	3.3	168	0.3	6,910	12.4	8,948	16.0
1957-58 p—														
July ..	12,911	18.2	1,377	2.0	1,456	2.0	1,887	2.7	332	0.5	8,916	12.6	11,135	15.8
August ..	12,478	18.4	1,241	1.8	1,886	2.7	1,921	2.8	320	0.5	9,146	13.4	11,387	16.7
September	10,832	19.0	1,031	1.8	903	1.6	1,919	3.4	440	0.8	8,605	15.0	10,964	19.2
October..	11,482	16.0	1,045	1.5	1,575	2.0	3,397	4.7	366	0.5	9,570	13.3	13,333	18.5
November	11,459	17.8	987	1.5	1,301	2.0	2,858	4.4	326	0.5	8,650	13.5	11,834	18.4
December	12,302	19.9	884	1.4	2,223	3.6	2,589	4.2	412	0.7	8,237	13.3	11,238	18.2
January ..	14,701	19.0	1,097	1.4	2,053	2.7	2,773	3.6	646	0.8	9,865	12.8	13,284	17.2
February	11,226	18.0	973	1.6	767	1.1	2,892	4.6	545	0.9	8,025	12.9	11,462	18.4
March ..	12,307	20.7	998	1.7	810	1.4	2,170	3.6	601	1.0	8,297	14.0	11,068	18.6
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3	12,415	18.5
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1	12,788	19.2
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8	11,587	18.3
1958-59 p—														
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	r7,889	12.4	r11,106	17.5
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	514	0.7	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	r10,522	14.6	r14,474	20.0
September	11,821	18.0	991	1.5	920	r1.4	2,931	4.5	399	0.6	9,623	14.7	r12,953	19.8
October..	11,083	r16.9	1,156	1.7	1,624	2.5	2,635	4.0	312	0.5	r8,972	13.7	r11,919	18.2
November	12,004	17.8	870	1.3	624	0.9	2,626	3.9	301	0.4	r9,033	13.2	r11,960	17.5
December	10,879	17.6	966	1.6	832	1.3	2,291	3.7	361	0.6	r7,822	12.6	r10,474	16.9
January ..	12,507	16.8	1,087	1.5	1,220	1.6	2,916	3.9	510	0.7	r9,347	12.6	r12,773	17.2
February	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	r7,459	12.8	r10,622	18.2
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	7,439	12.6	10,426	17.7
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,560	13.0	12,229	16.6

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class Ic.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.



# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	25,729	359	1,446	12,314	8,147	13,933	65,399	87,479
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,597	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,910	12,197	10,089	43,514	65,800
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1956-57—										
April ..	10,220	5,443	16,135	572	1,760	7,995	10,792	10,835	39,183	60,810
May ..	13,494	6,022	19,196	538	1,102	8,489	14,032	10,846	44,244	69,122
June ..	10,016	4,826	16,687	465	965	7,518	10,481	8,618	36,777	55,876
1957-58—										
July ..	12,156	6,433	19,284	464	1,021	9,650	12,620	11,120	46,894	70,634
August ..	10,152	6,107	19,248	473	1,023	9,891	10,625	10,861	46,411	67,897
September ..	8,775	5,151	15,249	440	1,229	9,295	9,215	8,759	38,920	56,894
October ..	12,669	6,351	18,952	796	1,923	10,614	13,465	12,009	46,346	71,820
November ..	10,565	5,209	17,882	741	1,598	9,495	11,306	10,215	42,669	64,190
December ..	10,981	4,187	15,982	437	1,478	9,323	11,418	8,417	42,191	62,026
January ..	14,358	5,922	20,688	818	1,153	11,313	15,176	10,698	51,164	77,038
February ..	12,281	5,013	16,107	567	1,824	9,071	12,848	10,264	39,276	62,388
March ..	10,312	5,433	14,436	675	875	9,518	10,987	8,947	39,492	59,426
April ..	14,729	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,415	9,630	42,093	67,138
May ..	10,819	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,492	10,869	44,216	66,577
June ..	10,957	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,382	9,281	42,570	63,233
1958-59 p—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	11,847	13,743	9,224	40,832	63,799
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	11,634	10,413	11,762	50,684	72,859
September ..	10,969	4,947	17,832	534	1,922	10,497	11,503	10,499	43,507	65,509
October ..	10,253	5,495	17,654	622	1,290	10,007	10,875	10,702	44,022	65,599
November ..	12,642	4,585	18,921	537	1,517	11,906	13,179	9,776	44,527	67,482
December ..	12,808	4,498	16,469	499	1,151	11,824	13,307	8,641	39,950	61,898
January ..	15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	10,569	16,568	11,299	46,569	74,436
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	11,569	11,152	9,063	38,379	58,594
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,258	9,710	8,692	40,499	58,901
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,560	10,578	10,644	51,797	73,019

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37.. ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38.. ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39.. ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1951-52.. ..	2,957	383	7,359	572	472	586	1,428	26,953	2,156	55,437
1952-53.. ..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54.. ..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55.. ..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56.. ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57.. ..	4,256	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58.. ..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,626
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1956-57—										
April .. ..	2,870	765	4,840	2,402	506	1,891	2,350	50,183	2,018	87,227
May .. ..	4,944	1,306	4,109	3,380	2,329	826	2,266	43,588	3,788	90,676
June .. ..	6,107	451	4,729	703	1,348	1,344	2,551	40,068	1,768	78,103
1957-58—										
July .. ..	6,162	412	3,372	381	1,191	1,888	2,113	32,696	1,430	70,619
August .. ..	4,760	795	4,971	197	1,159	5,108	2,824	17,550	2,360	58,071
September ..	5,614	1,344	4,769	40	1,112	6,577	2,384	30,499	2,226	75,703
October .. ..	5,118	2,609	5,727	192	449	5,533	2,745	49,251	2,051	94,177
November ..	5,241	2,766	5,546	144	230	4,013	2,649	40,723	1,999	83,018
December ..	4,599	1,877	2,900	77	67	4,294	2,227	37,994	1,062	70,234
January .. ..	3,739	1,822	3,727	29	156	3,121	2,172	31,965	2,577	66,571
February ..	3,701	1,136	2,173	343	39	450	2,152	32,555	1,899	60,109
March .. ..	3,320	951	2,202	1,488	484	1,734	1,885	32,012	1,625	60,937
April .. ..	3,447	424	2,220	3,183	1,000	1,272	1,417	22,495	1,869	52,861
May .. ..	4,346	570	2,661	4,525	2,062	760	1,491	25,173	995	64,338
June .. ..	5,181	933	2,574	2,463	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,859	54,870
1958-59 p—										
July .. ..	7,413	885	3,887	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,321	1,731	r61,206
August .. ..	6,657	645	3,509	209	2,054	3,248	1,763	10,577	1,122	r47,319
September ..	6,158	1,058	3,860	91	1,589	4,960	2,032	17,446	1,480	r55,125
October .. ..	9,004	1,918	4,352	163	r901	5,054	r1,819	r28,972	1,875	r72,891
November ..	r8,973	1,477	2,259	140	309	2,124	r1,782	r26,642	1,998	r65,255
December ..	9,443	2,435	4,288	19	184	3,254	1,916	r33,245	1,500	r74,308
January .. ..	r9,138	2,038	r4,554	14	40	1,727	r1,714	r25,132	r1,725	r65,226
February ..	r8,501	2,252	r6,523	153	23	2,298	1,906	r26,977	2,080	r72,155
March .. ..	r7,952	936	3,995	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	r28,108	1,034	r66,323
April .. ..	7,560	1,116	4,724	2,553	970	2,479	2,206	26,155	1,597	71,712

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (c)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing)
1936-37 .. ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 .. ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 .. ..	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1953-54 .. ..	1,784	1,534	1,385	2,217	1,475	1,443	1,658	1,302	1,495
1954-55 .. ..	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56 .. ..	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57 .. ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58 .. ..	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1956-57—									
April .. ..	2,088	1,937	1,922	2,567	1,746	1,696	1,748	1,487	1,628
May .. ..	2,080	1,926	1,917	2,564	1,752	1,697	1,761	1,503	1,642
June .. ..	2,080	1,924	1,914	2,627	1,763	1,701	1,747	1,493	1,630
1957-58—									
July .. ..	2,151	1,922	1,995	2,747	1,815	1,757	1,755	1,509	1,642
August .. ..	2,192	1,965	2,100	2,870	1,869	1,811	1,832	1,530	1,693
September ..	2,219	1,979	2,013	2,864	1,883	1,824	1,863	1,532	1,711
October .. ..	2,132	1,935	1,897	2,774	1,810	1,750	1,826	1,534	1,692
November ..	2,146	1,956	1,922	2,747	1,808	1,780	1,838	1,568	1,714
December ..	2,161	1,965	1,844	2,766	1,798	1,777	1,823	1,559	1,701
January .. ..	2,179	1,985	1,833	2,782	1,821	1,808	1,818	1,469	1,658
February ..	2,225	2,005	1,894	2,838	1,862	1,846	1,854	1,476	1,680
March .. ..	2,247	2,042	1,852	2,858	1,867	1,851	1,899	1,467	1,700
April .. ..	2,237	2,041	1,826	2,841	1,852	1,838	1,896	1,455	1,694
May .. ..	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June .. ..	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July .. ..	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August .. ..	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September ..	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713
October .. ..	2,297	1,931	1,564	2,878	1,868	1,865	1,901	1,440	1,690
November ..	2,318	1,934	1,554	2,927	1,883	1,902	1,907	1,437	1,691
December ..	2,378	1,939	1,536	2,995	1,914	1,932	1,901	1,450	1,694
January .. ..	2,429	2,036	1,522	3,093	1,967	1,982	1,934	1,471	1,721
February ..	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March .. ..	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April .. ..	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies.

(b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production, in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate. } (e) (f)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1956-57—												
April ..	618	321	224	548	382	620	321	357	234	178	483	462
May ..	626	319	256	495	398	631	328	359	238	178	488	467
June ..	596	322	284	451	373	642	331	362	239	178	473	452
1957-58—												
July .. (g)	596	331	278	445	351	577	328	347	240	178	470	450
August ..	551	342	274	448	345	622	328	357	239	178	450	431
September ..	543	344	274	441	333	571	333	364	242	178	445	426
October ..	498	350	257	423	337	541	337	362	236	178	420	403
November ..	483	352	232	409	337	488	344	364	244	178	407	391
December ..	445	359	225	372	290	481	346	365	243	178	383	369
January ..	453	363	207	369	315	504	345	376	237	178	387	373
February ..	468	368	194	375	294	496	349	379	239	178	393	378
March ..	422	371	188	375	308	496	346	380	239	178	372	358
April ..	400	365	163	370	353	479	346	368	235	178	358	346
May ..	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	344
June ..	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	348
1958-59—												
July .. (g)	400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	348
August ..	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	330
September ..	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	332
October ..	336	363	195	391	(h)	473	385	382	270	178	pr337	pr326

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.  
(c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.  
(f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional prices included in "All Groups" indexes which are subject to revision since October, 1958.

For meaning of symbols  $p$ ,  $r$ , see page 1.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

## RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1946-47 .. ..	173	228	203	1952-53 .. ..	616	371	483
1947-48 .. ..	287	280	283	1953-54 .. ..	615	356	474
1948-49 .. ..	365	305	332	1954-55 .. ..	538	342	431
1949-50 .. ..	473	308	383	1955-56 .. ..	464	342	397
1950-51 .. ..	999	365	654	1956-57 .. ..	578	331	444
1951-52 .. ..	564	397	473	1957-58 .. ..	471	313	385

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1953-54.			1954-55.			1955-56.		
July .. ..	(a)641	369	493	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419
August .. ..	(a)634	367	488	566	338	442	453	347	395
September .. ..	626	365	484	566	339	442	437	347	388
October .. ..	634	363	486	536	344	431	437	351	390
November .. ..	634	360	485	513	343	421	437	352	391
December .. ..	611	358	473	532	348	432	453	352	398
January .. ..	603	354	468	520	345	425	460	349	400
February .. ..	581	350	455	528	342	427	460	340	395
March .. ..	581	351	456	528	341	426	453	335	388
April .. ..	(a)596	348	461	520	340	422	468	325	390
May .. ..	618	346	470	520	340	422	498	323	403
June .. ..	622	346	472	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411
	1956-57.			1957-58.			1958-59.		
July .. ..	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348
August .. ..	520	330	417	551	331	431	354	310	330
September .. ..	566	336	441	543	328	426	354	312	332
October .. ..	551	332	432	498	323	403	336	pr318	pr326
November .. ..	581	331	445	483	315	391	339	pr322	pr330
December .. ..	588	329	447	445	305	369	328	pr324	pr326
January .. ..	596	330	451	453	306	373	321	pr327	pr324
February .. ..	611	330	458	468	303	378	339	pr320	pr329
March .. ..	596	329	451	422	304	358	347	pr321	pr333
April .. ..	618	331	462	400	301	346	p415	p324	p365
May .. ..	626	333	467	392	303	344			
June .. ..	596	332	452	400	306	348			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling during a month. The changing weights index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

All Groups.	Month of April.		Ten months ended April.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
Excluding Wool	100	114	100	104
Including Wool	100	108	100	84

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food- stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods prin- cipally Imported. (b)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1956-57—											
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	524	353	283	467	364	333	305	365	347
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	339	306	368	350
September ..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	334	303	365	346
October ..	398	240	454	353	295	457	358	322	304	353	338
November ..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December ..	399	236	419	346	293	457	355	319	304	348	335
January ..	400	236	424	347	278	458	355	318	302	349	335
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350	336
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351	337
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349	335
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360	338
September ..	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361	338
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356	334
November ..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352	332
December ..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348	328
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354	332
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	p341	282	p365	p340
April ..	p390	232	p398	327	410	422	p346	p340	p282	p368	p343

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 411 for April, 1959.  
 (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.  
 (c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For April, 1959, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 338; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 367; "Total All Groups," 342.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.



## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
							(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1952-53 ..	319	252	269	216	209	278				
1953-54 ..	319	248	270	214	209	268	152	126	141	386
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	143	125	137	397
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	147	127	135	365
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	155	133	139	373
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	158	138	143	424
1957-58—							144	141	161	429
June ..	337	265	285	222	225	292	138	141	168	431
1958-59—										
July ..	336	276	287	222	225	292	137	141	166	442
Aug. ..	338	275	289	221	225	290	137	141	167	445
Sept. ..	338	276	290	222	225	290	135	141	166	446
Oct. ..	334	278	290	221	225	290	136	141	166	446
Nov. ..	332	279	290	223	225	292	137	141	166	435
Dec. ..	328	279		224	225	292	136	142	167	430
Jan. ..	327			224	226	290	136	142	175	435
Feb. ..	332			225	226		136	p142	174	
Mar. ..	340				226		136	p142		
Apr. ..	p343				227		p138	p142		

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.

(d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food

and tobacco.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period		Australia. (b)		New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	..	97.3		96	97	98	100	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100 <sup>c</sup>
1937-38 ..	..	99.8		101	101	102	101	
1938-39 ..	..	102.9		103	102	100	99	
1952-53 ..	..	255.0		185	194	184	189	
1953-54 ..	..	262.2		195	199	184	190	140
1954-55 ..	..	264.4		201	204	185	190	146
		A	B					
1955-56 ..	..	274.2	277.4	206	209	186	190	(d) 154
1956-57 ..	..	286.2	290.9	213	212	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	..	292.5	291.5	217	221	197	202	166
1958-59—								
July ..	..	296.6	295.0	229	225	198	205	166
August ..	..				226	199	205	166
September ..	..				226	200	205	166
October ..	..				226	200	205	168
November ..	..	299.1	298.4	231	226	201	205	168
December ..	..				227	201	205	169
January ..	..					200	205	169
February ..	..					200	205	169
March ..	..	300.0	300.3	231		199	205	169

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. (d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.		"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage Rate Indexes : Six States.			
		Food and Groceries. (a)		Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)		Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)	
1936-37 .. ..		963		968	976	996	973		949	976	
1937-38 .. ..		989		1,001	1,006	1,003	998		1,007	1,009	
1938-39 .. ..		1,048		1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029		1,044	1,015	
1950-51 .. ..		1,998		1,076	3,044	1,597	1,906		2,298	1,206	
1951-52 .. ..		2,694		1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337		2,806	1,201	
1952-53 .. ..		2,950		1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550		3,104	1,217	
1953-54 .. ..		3,073		1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622		3,207	1,223	
1954-55 .. ..		3,098		1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644		3,249	1,229	
		A	B				A	B		A	B
1955-56 .. ..		3,265	3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742	2,774	(c) 3,362	1,226	1,212
1956-57 .. ..		3,395	3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862	2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236	1,216
1957-58 .. ..		3,424	3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925	2,915	3,605	1,233	1,237
1954-55—											
September	Quarter	3,037		1,301	3,924	2,145	2,618		3,213	1,227	
December	"	3,063		1,306	3,939	2,147	2,631		3,233	1,229	
March	"	3,124		1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649		3,269	1,234	
June	"	3,169		1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678		3,283	1,226	
1955-56—		A	B				A	B		A	B
September	Quarter	3,215	3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700	2,719	3,299	1,222	1,213
December	"	3,239	3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721	2,746	3,345	1,229	1,218
March	"	3,262	3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748	2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226	1,212
June	"	3,343	3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797	2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228	1,205
1956-57—											
September	Quarter	3,394	3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832	2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229	1,181
December	"	3,380	3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849	2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244	1,216
March	"	3,401	3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872	2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232	1,231
June	"	3,406	3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893	2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239	1,235
1957-58—											
September	Quarter	3,417	3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907	2,903	3,594	1,236	1,238
December	"	3,381	3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905	2,893	3,595	1,238	1,243
March	"	3,446	3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933	2,923	3,594	1,225	1,230
June	"	3,453	3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955	2,940	3,638	1,231	1,237
1958-59—											
September	Quarter	3,452	3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966	2,950	3,652	1,231	1,238
December	"	3,475	3,458	1,614	4,192	2,579	2,991	2,984	3,655	1,222	1,225
March	"	3,498	3,509	1,631	4,181	2,578	3,000	3,003			

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
Year ended June—							
1953 .. ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954 .. ..	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5
1955 .. ..	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6
1956 .. ..	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0
1957 .. ..	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3
1958 .. ..	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6
Quarter ended—							
1957—March ..	112.6	113.2	106.3	123.1	118.5	113.5	113.7
June ..	113.3	114.2	107.9	124.6	119.3	114.5	114.8
September ..	113.7	113.8	108.4	126.1	119.9	115.1	115.1
December ..	112.8	112.4	109.1	127.0	120.1	115.1	114.9
1958—March ..	114.6	114.4	109.3	128.2	120.2	115.9	115.8
June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9
December ..	115.1	115.1	110.5	136.0	124.5	118.3	118.3
1959—March ..	116.1	116.7	110.3	137.4	124.7	118.8	119.0

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37 .. ..	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38 .. ..	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39 .. ..	88	87	105	92	79	96
1949-50 .. ..	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51 .. ..	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52 .. ..	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53 .. ..	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54 .. ..	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55 .. ..	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56 .. ..	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57 .. ..	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58p .. ..	r341	r437	r380	r390	r476	r362

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.		Export Price Index—All Groups.			Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.		Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.)						
		Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups. (a)	“ C ” Series Index.(c)				Interim Index.(d)		
1936-37	..	108	116	115	99	99	97.3	Base : 1952-53 = 100 (Arithmetically converted for comparison.)				Base : 1952-53 = 100	
1937-38	..	105	102	102	102	101	99.8						
1938-39	..	87	82	83	99	100	102.9						
1950-51	..	365	690	654	264	244	190.6	74.8				74.9	
1951-52	..	397	495	473	321	297	233.7	91.7				91.4	
1952-53	..	371	505	483	350	319	255.0	100.0				A 100.0	B 100.0
1953-54	..	356	496	474	332	319	262.2	102.8				102.2	102.5
1954-55	..	342	450	431	330	322	264.4	103.7				103.7	103.6
1955-56	..	342	414	397	345	334	A 274.2	B 277.4	A 107.5	B 108.8	107.0	108.0	
1956-57	..	331	464	444	367	344	286.2	290.9	112.2	114.1	113.0	114.3	
1957-58	..	313	400	385	355	339	292.5	291.5	114.7	114.3	115.7	115.6	
1956-57—													
January	..	330	472	451	369	343	} 287.2	287.6	112.6	112.8	113.5	113.7	
February	..	330	479	458	370	345							
March	..	329	471	451	368	344							
April	..	331	483	462	369	344	} 289.3	290.1	113.5	113.8	114.5	114.8	
May	..	333	488	467	367	340							
June	..	332	473	452	365	345							
1957-58—													
July	..	327	470	450	364	347	} 290.7	290.3	114.0	113.8	115.1	115.1	
August	..	331	450	431	363	350							
September		328	445	426	361	346							
October	..	323	420	403	358	338	} 290.5	289.3	114.0	113.5	115.1	114.9	
November		315	407	391	357	334							
December		305	383	369	355	335							
January	..	306	387	373	355	335	} 293.3	292.3	115.0	114.7	115.9	115.8	
February	..	303	393	378	355	336							
March	..	304	372	358	353	337							
April	..	301	358	346	351	335	} 295.5	294.0	115.9	115.3	116.7	116.5	
May	..	303	356	344	343	336							
June	..	306	361	348	343	337							
1958-59—													
July	..	304	361	348	339	336	} 296.6	295.0	116.3	115.7	117.1	116.9	
August	..	310	342	330	338	338							
September		312	343	332	340	338							
October	..	pr318	pr337	pr326	339	334	} 299.1	298.4	117.3	117.0	118.3	118.3	
November		pr322	pr341	pr330	338	332							
December		pr324	pr337	pr326	336	328							
January	..	pr327	pr335	pr324	336	327	} 300.0	300.3	117.7	117.8	118.8	119.0	
February	..	pr320	pr340	pr329	338	332							
March	..	pr321	pr344	pr333	340	p340							
April	..	p324	p379	p365	p346	p343							

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1958 : <i>March Quarter</i> —							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,711	3,555	3,417	3,447	3,608	3,645	3,594
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 269/-	(d) 263/-	(e) 244/-	(f) 251/-	(g) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : <i>June Quarter</i> —							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,768	3,583	3,463	3,510	3,620	3,685	3,638
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(i) 248/-	(j) 256/-	(g) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : <i>September Quarter</i> —							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,769	3,589	3,526	3,512	3,651	3,698	3,652
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(k) 254/-	(j) 256/-	(l) 272/3	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : <i>December Quarter</i> —							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,765	3,590	3,549	3,513	3,665	3,699	3,655
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 273/-	(d) 263/-	(m) 256/-	(j) 256/-	(m) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : <i>March Quarter</i> —							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,780	3,593	3,586	3,518	3,666	3,704	3,668
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 275/-	(d) 263/-	(n) 260/-	(j) 256/-	(m) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : <i>June Quarter</i> —							
Federal metrop. basic wage (o)	283/-	275/-	258/-	271/-	276/-	282/-	276/-
State " " " ..	(c) 276/-	(d)(p) 263/-	(q) 263/-	(r) 271/-	(p) 275/1	(d)(p) 272/-	..

(a) Index numbers : Base—Weighted Average, Six States, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. See note at head of page 26.  
 (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 15th May, 1957.  
 (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown.  
 (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956.  
 (e) Payable as from 27th January, 1958.  
 (f) Payable as from 20th May, 1957.  
 (g) Payable as from 7th February, 1958.  
 (h) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958.  
 (i) Payable as from 28th April, 1958.  
 (j) Payable as from 26th May, 1958.  
 (k) Payable as from 24th July, 1958.  
 (l) Payable as from 4th August, 1958.  
 (m) Payable as from 27th October, 1958.  
 (n) Payable as from 2nd February, 1959.  
 (o) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959.  
 (p) At the end of June, 1959, Wages Boards were in process of varying determinations by adopting the Federal basic wage rate.  
 (q) Payable as from 27th April, 1959.  
 (r) Payable as from 15th June, 1959.

# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.			New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).									
1951-52	..	..	14,778	10,171	4,391	3,051	2,231	1,075	35,697
1952-53	..	..	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953-54	..	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1956-57—									
March	Qtr.	..	20,144	14,276	6,041	4,343	3,088	1,618	49,510
June	"	..	21,363	15,304	6,513	4,595	3,216	1,713	52,704
1957-58—									
September	"	..	21,289	15,170	6,592	4,619	3,317	1,578	52,565
December	"	..	22,741	16,253	6,894	4,772	3,353	1,674	55,687
March	"	..	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	"	..	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
1958-59—									
September	"	..	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
December	"	..	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
March	"	..	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1951-52	..	..	14.74	14.48	12.60	13.63	13.32	13.29	14.13
1952-53	..	..	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953-54	..	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1956-57—									
March	Qtr.	..	19.09	18.78	16.53	17.53	16.99	18.43	18.35
June	"	..	20.29	20.12	17.70	18.50	17.71	19.51	19.53
1957-58—									
September	"	..	20.18	19.97	17.83	18.66	18.37	18.22	19.47
December	"	..	21.44	21.27	18.96	19.25	18.46	19.22	20.59
March	"	..	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	"	..	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—									
September	"	..	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
December	"	..	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
March	"	..	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.



# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1950-51(b) ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54 ..	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56 ..	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57 ..	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58 ..	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
<b>Monthly Total—</b>								
1956-57—								
April ..	3,210	10,545	282	3,319	3,492	13,864	2,398	16,262
May ..	3,801	13,353	393	4,686	4,194	18,039	3,283	21,322
June ..	3,327	11,439	380	5,763	3,707	17,202	2,184	19,386
1957-58—								
July ..	3,753	12,992	393	3,870	4,146	16,862	3,216	20,078
August ..	3,986	13,384	403	4,212	4,389	17,596	3,737	21,333
September ..	3,522	12,593	325	4,303	3,847	16,896	2,893	19,789
October ..	3,528	12,406	373	3,340	3,901	15,746	3,033	18,779
November ..	3,269	11,164	350	3,160	3,619	14,324	2,876	17,200
December ..	2,413	8,967	229	2,483	2,642	11,450	2,019	13,469
January ..	3,351	11,123	287	5,764	3,638	16,887	2,772	19,659
February ..	3,155	10,768	346	3,778	3,501	14,546	2,455	17,001
March ..	3,552	11,944	348	3,601	3,900	15,545	2,728	18,273
April ..	3,567	12,903	360	6,082	3,927	18,985	3,074	22,059
May ..	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June ..	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July ..	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	408	4,563	4,523	19,149	3,761	22,910
October ..	3,839	13,500	420	5,384	4,259	18,884	3,303	22,187
November ..	3,523	12,997	347	3,962	3,870	16,959	3,000	19,959
December ..	2,787	9,928	330	4,015	3,117	13,943	2,563	16,506
January ..	2,712	10,176	266	3,747	2,978	13,923	2,092	16,015
February ..	3,440	12,697	326	4,395	3,766	17,092	3,103	20,195
March ..	3,317	11,998	349	6,695	3,666	18,693	2,658	21,351
April ..	3,772	13,585	365	6,277	4,137	19,862	3,633	23,495

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1952-53 ..	2,783	(e)10,040	(f)7,671	923	2,799	(g)3,542	1,129	(e)2,906	(h)1,931
1953-54 ..	(i)4,622	12,356	9,691	1,912	3,553	4,622	1,653	3,890	2,297
1954-55 ..	5,936	(j)17,892	(j)8,365	2,461	(h)6,340	(h)3,550	1,779	(h)5,598	(k)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,199	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58 ..	6,170	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1956-57—									
June Qtr.	4,222	18,990	10,330	1,911	7,280	4,207	1,331	5,851	2,199
1957-58—									
September ..	5,378	20,400	10,439	2,762	7,214	4,165	1,150	6,992	2,096
December ..	6,039	16,542	9,503	1,878	5,457	4,090	2,549	6,196	2,095
March ..	5,998	18,311	9,452	2,171	6,689	3,713	1,644	6,543	2,145
June ..	7,266	21,447	10,052	3,894	8,483	3,901	1,526	7,060	2,307
1958-59—									
September ..	7,217	23,814	11,746	3,880	9,120	5,011	1,560	8,437	2,504
December ..	6,533	19,551	10,200	2,479	7,098	3,893	2,526	7,147	2,125
March ..	6,273	19,187	9,088	2,880	6,834	3,685	1,122	6,982	2,119
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1957-58—									
June ..	10,395	21,404	n.a.	6,480	8,449	3,653	1,795	6,940	2,299
1958-59—									
July ..	6,227	26,250	n.a.	3,754	9,877	4,736	1,169	9,713	2,541
August ..	6,237	22,283	n.a.	3,234	8,074	5,441	1,156	8,906	2,411
September ..	9,188	22,910	n.a.	4,651	9,409	4,857	2,354	6,692	2,561
October ..	6,460	22,187	n.a.	2,698	7,188	4,077	2,200	8,880	2,668
November ..	6,115	19,959	n.a.	1,671	7,920	3,687	2,907	6,495	1,971
December ..	7,024	16,506	n.a.	3,067	6,185	3,914	2,472	6,065	1,736
January ..	3,499	16,015	n.a.	1,666	5,783	3,975	1,113	5,213	1,928
February ..	6,999	20,195	n.a.	3,087	7,676	3,525	1,078	6,893	2,362
March ..	8,321	21,351	n.a.	3,887	7,042	3,555	1,175	8,842	2,067
April ..	9,590	23,495	n.a.	6,205	9,084	4,677	1,732	8,527	2,556

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs. B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1952-53 ..	232	1,376	c1,209	226	1,525	336	219	1,157	320	54	(d) 277	(e) 333
1953-54 ..	(f) 303	1,299	1,404	320	1,486	392	314	1,750	548	120	378	428
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 393	(g) 460
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	234	1,470	435	238	454	565
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	425	1,321	520	202	412	481
1956-57—												
June Qtr.	344	1,591	2,161	233	2,248	648	254	1,508	424	149	512	691
1957-58—												
Sept. "	577	1,513	2,223	381	2,395	905	339	1,854	567	169	432	483
Dec. "	379	1,469	1,785	508	1,830	622	553	1,167	456	172	423	455
Mar. "	1,004	1,644	1,879	495	2,011	677	402	1,020	536	282	404	502
June "	494	2,180	1,992	758	2,027	849	407	1,247	521	187	450	482
1958-59—												
Sept. "	508	1,844	2,053	443	2,586	1,150	706	1,347	515	120	480	513
Dec. "	386	1,714	2,131	606	2,082	1,057	272	1,182	463	264	328	531
Mar. "	659	1,866	1,712	888	2,079	700	538	1,016	413	186	410	459
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1957-58—												
June ..	790	2,031	2,134	566	1,979	n.a.	506	1,419	469	258	586	405
1958-59—												
July ..	339	2,038	1,944	369	2,889	n.a.	496	1,279	514	100	454	473
August ..	183	1,629	2,014	588	2,183	n.a.	964	1,131	543	112	360	533
September ..	1,003	1,864	2,200	371	2,686	n.a.	659	1,633	488	150	626	532
October ..	327	1,909	2,388	675	2,451	n.a.	236	1,371	565	324	388	575
November ..	537	1,834	1,995	500	2,141	n.a.	208	1,172	415	292	397	567
December ..	294	1,399	2,010	644	1,655	n.a.	371	1,004	408	176	198	452
January ..	349	1,844	1,448	135	1,801	n.a.	159	853	351	77	521	421
February ..	911	1,934	1,849	808	2,218	n.a.	937	1,142	425	178	332	478
March ..	717	1,820	1,838	1,722	2,217	n.a.	518	1,053	463	302	377	478
April ..	215	1,807	2,611	795	2,078	n.a.	491	1,615	526	152	384	762

- (a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947 thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1952-53.. ..	(a)39,490	13,898	a 53,388	49,313	16,584	65,897	a 158,962	114,779	a 273,741
1953-54.. ..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339	a 296,137
1954-55(b) ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56.. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57.. ..	52,355	37,386	89,741	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58.. ..	57,259	37,929	95,188	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,772	355,470
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1956-57—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	50,800	45,594	96,394	53,246	35,031	88,277	155,591	232,211	387,802
Dec. " ..	50,821	34,143	84,964	55,052	36,514	91,566	152,607	231,215	383,822
Mar. " ..	51,663	35,511	87,174	47,622	40,451	88,073	157,737	228,378	386,115
June " ..	56,134	34,298	90,432	53,816	39,830	93,646	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58—									
Sept. " ..	59,147	39,139	98,286	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212,075	380,143
Dec. " ..	53,014	31,753	84,767	61,801	44,466	106,267	160,581	201,631	362,212
Mar. " ..	55,656	39,157	94,813	55,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	196,037	358,356
June " ..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772	355,470
1958-59—									
Sept. " ..	67,969	49,085	117,054	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,441	370,187
Dec. " ..	57,096	33,205	90,301	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,983	338,760

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1952-53 .. ..	24,512	19,242	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	n.a.	718	65,897
1953-54 .. ..	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	n.a.	970	69,910
1954-55 .. ..	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56 .. ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57 .. ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58 .. ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1956-57—									
Sept. Qtr. ..	31,805	28,836	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	694	1,073	88,277
Dec. " ..	30,197	31,187	8,406	8,958	5,954	3,030	743	3,091	91,566
Mar. " ..	35,794	25,477	8,655	8,588	5,107	3,214	349	889	88,073
June " ..	35,298	29,330	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	499	887	93,646
1957-58—									
Sept. " ..	44,859	33,424	9,815	9,012	6,297	3,192	698	1,828	109,125
Dec. " ..	40,688	31,954	10,263	10,178	8,044	3,312	502	1,326	106,267
Mar. " ..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	311	818	102,075
June " ..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	599	1,869	107,672
1958-59—									
Sept. " ..	39,545	30,964	10,657	9,731	9,706	3,066	538	2,652	106,859
Dec. " ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1952-53 .. ..	(b)5,104	4,186	2,371	1,992	1,795	572	n.a.	132	(b)16,152
1953-54 .. ..	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	n.a.	96	(b)19,219
1954-55 .. ..	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56 .. ..	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57 .. ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58 .. ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1956-57—Mar. Qtr.	5,949	5,203	1,766	1,620	1,644	754	28	161	17,125
June ..	6,751	5,517	1,637	1,813	1,571	751	38	405	18,483
1957-58—Sept. "	6,703	5,480	1,986	2,058	1,686	633	73	301	18,920
Dec. "	6,057	5,392	1,612	1,778	1,249	582	38	340	17,048
Mar. "	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	100	198	17,886
June "	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
1958-59—Sept. "	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. "	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. "									p20,346
COMPLETED.									
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1952-53 .. ..	6,638	5,494	2,663	2,250	2,016	832	n.a.	159	20,052
1953-54 .. ..	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954-55 .. ..	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56 .. ..	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57 .. ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58 .. ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1956-57—Mar. Qtr.	5,703	4,649	1,745	1,678	1,055	545	53	134	15,562
June ..	6,002	5,262	1,891	1,802	1,482	705	90	161	17,395
1957-58—Sept. "	5,824	5,119	2,030	2,020	1,664	665	85	122	17,529
Dec. "	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	62	223	20,045
Mar. "	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	53	148	17,627
June "	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	75	261	19,384
1958-59—Sept. "	7,494	6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,530
Dec. "	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. "									p19,082
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1952-53 .. ..	(b)24,484	22,360	3,993	6,520	6,186	2,115	n.a.	646	(b)66,304
1953-54 .. ..	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b)65,614
1954-55 .. ..	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56 .. ..	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57 .. ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58 .. ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1956-57—Mar. Qtr. ..	18,506	18,400	3,928	6,027	4,830	2,125	215	757	54,788
June ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58—Sept. " ..	20,127	19,016	3,630	6,076	4,941	2,139	151	1,180	57,260
Dec. " ..	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	127	1,297	54,264
Mar. " ..	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	54,518
June " ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59—Sept. " ..	18,879	19,458	3,632	5,476	4,269	2,157	221	1,610	55,702
Dec. " ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. " ..									p53,362

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined. (b)	Lead, Refined (b)(c)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
<b>Monthly</b>												
<b>Average—</b>								(d)	(d)			
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1951-52 ..	1,243	355	1,598	675	75.7	3,366	941	119.2	126.8	7,011	15,680	1,485
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	r8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	r8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	r8,664	18,399	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	r8,885	19,983	2,711
1957-58 p ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.3	258.8	r9,594	21,378	2,987
<b>Monthly</b>												
<b>Total—</b>												
1956-57—												
April ..	1,374	159	1,533	887	90.7	3,629	1,502	168.1	246.9	8,962	17,188	3,288
May ..	1,578	200	1,778	966	87.3	4,313	1,693	173.3	250.5	9,229	21,253	2,734
June ..	1,423	160	1,583	916	96.5	4,257	1,616	181.7	246.8	r7,460	20,034	2,689
1957-58 p—												
July ..	1,711	202	1,913	986	106.2	4,965	1,817	198.8	264.2	10,919	19,988	2,666
August ..	1,654	191	1,845	972	86.9	4,708	1,773	196.3	271.7	9,532	21,839	1,864
September	1,636	188	1,824	907	87.8	4,378	1,641	182.2	261.5	9,196	20,313	2,521
October	1,746	194	1,940	920	89.2	4,109	1,665	188.0	263.9	9,669	21,732	2,774
November	1,641	190	1,831	879	90.8	3,729	1,584	182.0	246.4	9,394	21,926	3,105
December	1,218	129	1,347	753	94.3	3,521	1,530	202.1	250.9	r9,728	20,895	2,820
January ..	1,101	132	1,233	851	92.4	3,429	1,518	197.5	269.9	9,657	21,050	2,248
February	1,467	194	1,661	807	84.1	3,232	1,468	172.6	232.6	8,609	18,865	2,920
March ..	1,486	184	1,670	889	85.5	3,663	1,632	196.6	265.9	9,560	22,072	3,708
April ..	1,444	176	1,620	901	81.7	3,701	1,588	186.5	254.2	9,306	22,985	3,414
May ..	1,565	204	1,769	1,001	88.1	4,203	1,766	199.5	277.6	9,748	22,598	3,537
June ..	1,553	155	1,708	1,000	95.9	4,646	1,813	178.9	256.6	r9,811	22,273	4,265
1958-59 p—												
July ..	1,818	199	2,017	1,118	107.6	5,131	1,968	190.0	270.5	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,663	174	1,837	1,060	85.0	4,774	1,852	194.7	267.2	9,888	19,802	4,202
September	1,630	173	1,803	1,061	98.7	4,431	1,775	189.2	263.6	9,663	19,997	4,639
October	r1,825	r158	r1,983	1,032	r92.6	4,147	1,774	182.0	265.3	9,862	18,284	4,479
November	r1,590	r164	r1,754	998	r86.8	3,663	1,660	188.5	262.7	9,382	21,120	3,898
December	r1,190	r152	r1,342	r926	r100.5	3,596	1,638	200.2	269.9	9,696	21,038	2,020
January ..	1,010	123	1,133	900	80.0	r3,253	r1,591	198.7	267.6	9,412	21,300	2,433
February	1,532	128	1,660	891	85.6	3,190	1,574	180.1	244.0	8,587	20,336	3,636
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	1,011	94.0	3,384	1,688	187.6	274.2	9,606	18,866	3,800
April ..						3,763	1,731	192.2	265.4	9,350		

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Includes lead content of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (d) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.



# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
Monthly Average—	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1951-52 ..	60.0	4,072	5,540	1,944	116.0	103.1	1,373	5,975	4,251	4,240	16,066
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e)1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	r4,323	16,293
1957-58 p ..	73.6	4,951	4,027	2,190	116.7	193.3	1,414	3,748	4,693	4,618	16,140
Monthly Total—											
1956-57 p—											
April ..	67.9	4,817	4,069	1,997	107.4	197.7	1,260	3,707	3,625	3,964	10,567
May ..	77.7	5,551	4,928	2,492	123.2	203.7	1,449	4,709	4,636	4,671	11,409
June ..	68.0	4,940	4,059	2,402	121.1	195.2	1,300	3,573	3,794	3,484	9,888
1957-58 p—											
July ..	77.8	5,511	4,403	2,281	115.4	207.1	1,475	4,080	4,690	5,753	11,428
August ..	75.4	5,115	4,357	2,364	119.5	200.4	1,442	4,500	5,190	4,227	12,692
September ..	75.2	5,209	3,958	2,181	115.4	186.1	1,461	4,178	5,589	4,320	16,347
October..	82.7	5,538	4,516	2,236	131.6	202.0	1,632	5,352	6,126	5,255	21,972
November ..	79.4	5,123	4,259	2,563	125.7	200.8	1,524	4,469	5,250	5,050	24,552
December ..	61.5	4,137	3,148	1,692	110.8	169.2	1,142	3,108	4,148	4,431	21,283
January ..	56.1	3,767	3,087	1,352	98.2	166.6	1,116	2,522	3,816	3,141	17,975
February ..	69.8	4,925	4,114	2,217	109.4	177.7	1,436	3,281	4,761	4,556	15,716
March ..	74.2	4,938	4,140	2,500	120.6	199.6	1,402	2,985	4,272	4,994	13,907
April ..	73.0	4,983	3,929	2,037	107.9	195.7	1,403	3,347	4,305	4,142	11,510
May ..	82.8	5,235	4,429	2,772	123.4	208.9	1,519	3,871	4,234	4,983	13,138
June ..	75.4	4,936	3,980	2,081	122.2	205.7	1,420	3,281	3,940	4,565	13,161
1958-59 p..											
July ..	87.3	5,392	4,324	2,450	124.4	208.7	1,603	3,959	5,347	5,637	18,623
August ..	79.7	4,959	4,084	2,456	135.6	215.2	1,512	4,177	5,558	5,173	19,881
September ..	86.7	5,145	4,419	2,241	131.5	212.7	1,571	4,143	6,662	5,196	21,527
October..	86.2	5,556	4,684	2,371	136.8	223.9	1,625	3,736	7,212	5,881	27,632
November ..	78.9	4,945	4,354	2,446	130.6	210.2	1,544	3,312	6,268	5,361	23,445
December ..	73.3	4,221	3,660	1,897	115.7	192.6	1,275	3,107	5,798	4,956	23,389
January ..	53.5	3,571	3,024	1,587	90.6	158.7	1,098	2,105	3,838	3,375	13,725
February ..	75.9	4,909	4,273	2,209	105.2	190.3	r1,478	2,972	6,111	5,702	16,809
March ..	81.5	4,881	4,278	1,871		215.3	1,448	3,234	5,130	5,851	12,406
April ..	84.8	5,467	4,700	2,333		218.5	1,610	3,252	5,653	6,675	12,439

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page I.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1936-37 .. ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38 .. ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39 .. ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1951-52 .. ..	2,872	2,617	905	10.1	3.04	2.42	1,586
1952-53 .. ..	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54 .. ..	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55 .. ..	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56 .. ..	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57 .. ..	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	r1,745
1957-58 p ..	3,708	3,697	1,775	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,775
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1956-57 p—							
April .. ..	3,458	3,875	2,053	13.9	4.07	2.73	1,616
May .. ..	4,134	4,476	2,297	16.0	4.71	3.11	1,897
June .. ..	3,659	3,982	2,496	15.3	3.98	2.66	1,662
1957-58 p—							
July .. ..	4,307	4,435	2,425	15.7	4.34	2.99	1,926
August .. ..	3,834	3,929	2,168	13.4	4.07	2.82	1,930
September ..	3,723	3,761	2,165	12.6	4.04	2.92	1,962
October .. ..	4,173	3,989	2,096	13.7	4.48	3.17	2,159
November ..	3,927	3,700	1,735	14.0	4.14	3.03	2,054
December ..	2,822	2,617	1,260	12.2	3.13	2.17	1,535
January .. ..	3,012	3,064	1,188	10.6	3.08	2.19	1,163
February ..	3,739	3,744	1,692	12.7	3.98	2.97	1,647
March .. ..	3,806	3,728	1,680	13.4	3.92	2.91	1,701
April .. ..	3,903	3,874	1,527	10.5	3.68	2.69	1,675
May .. ..	3,798	3,906	1,550	12.5	3.71	2.33	1,828
June .. ..	3,448	3,620	1,818	12.6	3.30	1.94	1,716
1958-59 p—							
July .. ..	3,957	3,865	r1,562	12.4	3.33	2.10	r2,151
August .. ..	3,551	3,560	1,463	10.4	3.03	2.00	2,266
September ..	3,500	3,672	1,532	11.2	3.43	2.20	r2,431
October .. ..	3,889	3,906	1,484	12.4	3.52	2.59	r2,485
November ..	3,503	3,603	1,277	13.5	3.45	2.49	r2,135
December ..	2,961	3,047	1,096	12.2	2.91	2.14	r1,806
January .. ..	2,607	2,793	896	9.9	2.42	1.64	r1,165
February ..	3,553	3,319	1,303	13.4	3.61	2.50	r1,810
March .. ..	3,556	3,417	1,342	13.9	3.70	2.59	1,819
April .. ..	4,191	3,965	1,508	14.5	4.08	2.62	1,987

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1936-37 .. ..	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38 .. ..	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39 .. ..	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1951-52 .. ..	121.8	128.7	(g)	65.3	105.6	196.6	96.5
1952-53 .. ..	131.2	156.4		73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54 .. ..	157.9	179.1		101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55 .. ..	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56 .. ..	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 .. ..	120.9	237.0	67.1	(h) 9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58 p.. ..	122.6	209.1	60.5	(h) 8.6	150.6	240.7	127.6
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1956-57 p—				(h)			
April .. ..	117.0	222.6	61.3	8.1	121.4	211.2	99.3
May .. ..	130.9	251.9	69.1	8.8	148.4	243.1	122.3
June .. ..	114.4	226.0	59.0	8.8	125.1	211.6	109.9
1957-58 p—							
July .. ..	127.3	247.6	65.0	10.1	151.1	252.2	155.7
August .. ..	131.2	225.9	63.9	7.9	165.3	242.8	154.1
September ..	127.9	203.9	63.0	8.5	161.6	241.0	158.5
October .. ..	145.1	233.4	63.8	11.6	182.3	284.3	176.7
November ..	145.9	227.0	61.8	9.9	159.5	276.0	156.5
December ..	107.6	180.5	45.2	10.3	132.4	226.2	115.7
January .. ..	79.5	142.2	41.5	6.1	102.8	173.3	61.7
February ..	125.1	204.6	66.2	7.4	153.3	253.7	102.8
March .. ..	120.3	203.9	63.4	7.8	153.6	243.7	97.0
April .. ..	113.8	191.8	61.0	7.8	153.5	239.0	100.7
May .. ..	131.6	229.4	67.0	8.5	150.0	238.1	123.5
June .. ..	116.1	219.4	63.9	7.1	142.0	218.0	128.2
1958-59 p—							
July .. ..	r117.5	r248.1	71.2	8.4	179.2	273.0	167.3
August .. ..	r110.0	r237.6	70.6	8.8	156.9	248.9	156.1
September ..	r123.1	r245.3	73.2	7.6	171.4	266.7	176.4
October .. ..	r124.2	r268.2	70.0	7.3	181.9	299.2	174.2
November ..	r114.8	r228.7	59.8	6.1	162.1	294.7	153.1
December ..	r89.0	185.0	57.7	6.4	146.7	246.5	120.4
January .. ..	r64.1	137.9	37.3	4.2	92.1	160.1	59.7
February ..	r103.6	r210.1	59.5	8.7	152.1	267.2	r108.9
March .. ..	103.9	211.6	57.1	6.8	154.7	242.4	110.6
April .. ..	119.9	232.5	59.4	6.8	161.9	238.5	119.8

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.  
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Pur poses.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1951-52	143.4	41.1	87.3	10,931	3,382	6,375	48.5	14.6	8.9	7.1	79.1	15,398
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	p138.1	p40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	p18,793
1957-58p	112.6	42.9	105.1	14,387	2,905	6,406	64.7	21.8	12.5	8.1	107.1	19,450
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1956-57—	p											p
Feb. ..	135.0	37.6	113.3	16,332	3,078	6,498	59.4	19.9	10.2	6.6	96.1	18,215
Mar. ..	138.9	42.6	103.3	14,158	2,721	5,569	69.0	20.0	10.5	7.1	106.6	18,313
Apr. ..	116.1	p36.3	82.2	10,523	1,902	3,968	64.0	18.5	9.6	7.2	99.3	17,595
May ..	136.5	p41.6	68.3	7,727	1,601	3,196	84.5	20.7	12.0	7.7	124.9	17,693
June ..	127.5	p39.1	58.9	5,899	1,539	2,838	82.5	18.9	10.3	7.2	118.9	14,849
1957-58p—												
July ..	138.5	40.8	68.9	7,569	2,023	3,471	82.6	17.6	9.0	7.5	116.7	16,644
Aug. ..	139.5	41.7	89.7	11,257	2,925	5,514	74.1	16.7	9.0	7.4	107.2	15,635
Sept. ..	123.5	43.9	120.8	16,851	4,268	8,251	64.5	19.2	11.8	7.3	102.8	19,637
Oct. ..	130.2	45.5	145.6	21,181	5,179	10,217	64.4	24.4	19.0	8.3	116.1	22,230
Nov. ..	130.6	45.4	152.9	22,953	4,783	10,346	52.1	24.6	20.0	8.8	105.5	23,145
Dec. ..	113.2	41.2	139.4	20,699	3,851	9,360	49.7	25.4	16.9	10.9	102.9	25,095
Jan. ..	105.4	39.1	120.2	17,385	2,903	7,730	53.8	25.9	12.0	7.3	99.0	21,172
Feb. ..	94.2	43.4	104.9	14,927	2,217	6,065	50.3	25.6	10.5	7.3	93.7	18,574
Mar. ..	93.9	49.1	103.9	14,611	2,004	5,379	57.8	22.4	10.4	8.1	98.7	20,065
Apr. ..	84.9	40.0	81.6	10,509	1,557	4,004	62.6	20.7	10.2	8.2	101.7	18,008
May ..	101.0	44.9	69.0	7,846	1,495	3,322	80.1	20.9	10.5	8.7	120.2	17,701
June ..	96.5	40.0	64.2	6,859	1,658	3,216	85.3	17.9	10.6	8.1	121.9	15,495
1958-59p												
July ..	108.8	41.6	71.7	7,934	2,189	3,672	87.0	21.1	12.5	8.4	129.0	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.7	11,409	3,203	5,435	75.4	19.6	11.3	8.0	114.3	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.6	17,529	4,407	7,980	75.5	21.2	13.4	8.6	118.7	18,992
Oct. ..	112.1	45.1	156.3	23,277	5,580	9,821	78.3	26.2	22.5	8.9	135.9	21,700
Nov. ..	116.9	47.3	154.2	22,846	5,393	9,979	72.5	25.2	25.2	8.9	131.8	22,163
Dec. ..	104.7	40.5	160.1	24,507	4,885	9,965	70.3	28.4	20.8	11.7	131.2	24,997
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.0	22,502	4,421	r8,042	59.8	27.2	12.9	7.0	106.9	19,724
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	r117.3	r7,040	3,218	5,812	66.5	28.9	11.5	7.6	114.5	18,531
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.2	15,614	2,870	5,521	69.4	26.7	11.3	8.0	115.4	19,138

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., r., see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
		Sulphuric Acid (100 %).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.				
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1936-37 .. .. .	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38 .. .. .	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39 .. .. .	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1951-52 .. .. .	2,795	54.2	133.1	633	99	3,486	390	1,865	213
1952-53 .. .. .	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133		1,745	141
1953-54 .. .. .	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55 .. .. .	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56 .. .. .	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303
1956-57 .. .. .	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287
1957-58 p.. .. .	(b)4,201	82.5	185.0	930	131	8,134		2,403	304
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1956-57 p—	(b)								
April .. .. .	3,953	85.8	191.9	900	127	6,248		1,855	281
May .. .. .	4,612	87.5	223.8	971	143	7,486		2,312	335
June .. .. .	3,892	78.9	189.1	721	112	6,492		1,959	258
1957-58 p—									
July .. .. .	3,914	80.7	178.2	831	126	8,429		2,280	335
August .. .. .	3,770	88.0	195.9	931	129	8,235		2,170	277
September .. .. .	4,039	72.7	155.0	1,059	133	8,010		2,371	330
October .. .. .	4,523	71.6	167.2	1,047	139	8,788		2,654	333
November .. .. .	4,472	81.5	172.4	1,093	140	8,727		2,583	293
December .. .. .	4,567	77.1	163.0	912	109	6,107		1,935	234
January .. .. .	4,283	78.5	182.7	783	114	6,344		1,891	232
February .. .. .	4,162	82.3	194.0	960	127	8,604		2,676	306
March .. .. .	4,248	87.3	195.3	953	148	8,809		2,632	330
April .. .. .	4,126	90.2	221.9	844	132	8,036		2,318	306
May .. .. .	4,328	96.5	201.6	933	154	8,973		2,759	358
June .. .. .	3,982	83.0	192.3	817	116	8,543		2,562	314
1958-59 p—						(c)			
July .. .. .	4,219	78.5	167.2	888	135	11,212		2,769	379
August .. .. .	4,175	94.0	197.9	942	137	9,951		2,371	342
September .. .. .	4,397	79.8	167.7	1,085	131	10,484		2,268	355
October .. .. .	4,441	73.8	171.6	1,119	152	10,719		2,413	367
November .. .. .	4,332	78.5	165.7	1,080	138	9,723		2,134	318
December .. .. .	5,039	65.2	136.5	1,023	122	8,613		1,856	294
January .. .. .	3,961	77.2	168.3	705	94	7,095		1,400	203
February .. .. .	4,212	76.4	164.4	979	138	10,231		2,154	322
March .. .. .	3,895	91.0	200.7	907	132	9,170		2,304	285
April .. .. .	4,628	87.8	221.5	954	148	10,682		2,923	361

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.  
July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a) (c)
1952 .. ..	101	94	96	99	91	93	82	91	94	99	94	93
1953 .. ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 .. ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	107	93
1955 .. ..	116	110	111	120	129	119	117	118	116	111	113	104
1956 .. ..	122	120	114	133	139	128	144	123	122	115	113	107
1957 .. ..	123	120	120	145	147	138	167	126	128	118	115	107
1958 .. ..	115	117	120	153	152	141	169	126	124	118	114	100
1957—												
February ..	128	119	127	144	142	129	164	119	145	123	118	110
March ..	129	120	129	145	140	140	177	127	135	123	120	110
April ..	131	121	127	146	149	139	169	125	118	126	111	108
May ..	132	122	127	151	152	143	176	136	127	126	120	107
June ..	121	126	125	150	148	136	172	125	132	125	117	108
July ..	91	120	83	134	140	147	174	128	89	63	107	101
August ..	117	121	123	100	138	116	165	122	126	116	99	108
September ..	126	123	127	148	151	143	166	124	137	125	119	109
October ..	126	121	124	150	154	146	165	133	135	125	120	109
November ..	125	121	123	158	162	140	164	128	136	125	123	106
December ..	121	111	116	162	151	139	167	116	121	125	113	100
1958—												
January ..	119	111	120	158	144	140	154	122	122	122	114	99
February ..	121	115	124	162	145	131	167	113	136	124	119	98
March ..	119	116	125	160	146	141	179	124	135	125	122	96
April ..	117	114	123	164	153	137	163	124	115	127	111	95
May ..	115	119	121	166	151	144	163	128	117	125	114	95
June ..	113	123	124	161	153	139	162	130	135	125	115	99
July ..	101	116	81	147	145	149	165	126	84	61	104	94
August ..	107	116	121	102	142	113	164	121	122	117	96	101
September ..	118	120	129	149	155	149	170	131	133	122	115	104
October ..	118	120	130	155	161	155	176	142	135	125	118	107
November ..	r116	123	130	161	168	143	175	128	138	129	122	107
December ..	r117	115	121	157	155	145	186	126	122	123	115	104
1959—												
January ..	113	r117	123	154	r143	143	174	r125	r123	121	116	106
February ..	113	124	129	159	147	142	191	121	138	123	118	110
March ..			128		153			130	120	126	115	111
April ..												112

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.



# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	<b>Monthly Averages.</b>		
1948-49(b) .. ..	655	450	117	5,539	(c)3,056	1,852
1949-50(b) .. ..	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b) .. ..	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) .. ..	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) .. ..	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 .. ..	1,200	607	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 .. ..	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 .. ..	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 .. ..	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58 .. ..	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
				<b>Monthly Totals.</b>		
1956-57—				(d)	(d)	(d)
March .. ..	1,551	699	122	12,090	5,290	906
April .. ..	1,557	700	122	11,344	4,737	761
May .. ..	1,564	702	121	14,550	5,751	872
June .. ..	1,565	707	120	12,337	5,314	744
1957-58—						
July .. ..	1,577	710	119	12,994	5,280	690
August .. ..	1,583	711	119	11,852	5,369	776
September .. ..	1,594	714	118	13,423	5,371	816
October .. ..	1,602	716	118	15,321	6,115	884
November .. ..	1,605	717	118	14,645	5,725	892
December .. ..	1,625	723	118	14,813	5,379	952
January .. ..	1,628	722	118	11,145	4,630	1,283
February .. ..	1,637	725	118	13,926	5,529	989
March .. ..	1,646	728	118	13,678	6,140	1,035
April .. ..	1,664	733	118	15,410	6,214	861
May .. ..	1,671	734	117	15,237	6,003	781
June .. ..	1,676	735	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July .. ..	1,688	736	116	13,906	6,106	652
August .. ..	1,694	738	115	13,561	5,505	770
September .. ..	1,703	740	115	14,741	5,929	911
October .. ..	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November .. ..	1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December .. ..	1,739	752	115	15,930	6,576	1,007
January .. ..	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February .. ..	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March .. ..	1,755	757	113	r13,228	r6,126	r844
April p .. ..				15,100	7,000	900

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1948-49 .. ..	7,690	3,428	517.7	42,225	7,165	85
1949-50 .. ..	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	—205
1950-51 .. ..	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	—594
1951-52 .. ..	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	—721
1952-53 .. ..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953-54 .. ..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55 .. ..	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56 .. ..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	—659
1956-57 .. ..	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	—376
1957-58 .. ..	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	—493
<b>Monthly Total—(c)</b>						
<b>1956-57—</b>						
February .. ..	7,264	3,750	591.6	41,026	14,585	—459
March .. ..	7,886	3,789	624.0	41,497	15,347	—89
April .. ..	7,503	3,676	594.7	42,343	15,220	—31
May .. ..	8,153	4,057	667.2	41,604	16,569	—385
June .. ..	7,570	3,588	579.3	40,988	14,454	—2,027
<b>1957-58—</b>						
July .. ..	8,020	4,095	613.8	43,558	15,703	—134
August .. ..	7,996	4,091	600.6	39,681	15,763	—88
September .. ..	7,613	3,959	578.8	43,923	15,810	285
October .. ..	8,005	4,244	620.0	40,400	16,484	580
November .. ..	7,613	3,890	585.9	39,718	15,176	—1,007
December .. ..	7,285	3,231	498.8	40,081	13,887	—1,118
January .. ..	7,262	3,186	494.3	38,577	13,676	—808
February .. ..	6,852	3,456	525.9	40,325	13,364	—881
March .. ..	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026	113
April .. ..	7,292	3,541	543.4	39,705	14,163	—342
May .. ..	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227	—1,009
June .. ..	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856	1,505
<b>1958-59—</b>						
July .. ..	7,835	4,187	603.2	41,206	15,271	252
August .. ..	7,689	3,901	579.0	40,225	15,233	81
September .. ..	7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914	813
October .. ..	7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422	833
November .. ..	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087	—731
December .. ..	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436	81
January .. ..	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609	269
February .. ..	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.  
(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1948-49.. ..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50.. ..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51.. ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52.. ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53.. ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54.. ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55.. ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56.. ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57.. ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58.. ..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
<b>1956-57—</b>									
March .. ..	861	1,005	282	92	56	428	129	25	1,012
April .. ..	597	1,049	260	84	47	359	120	28	898
May .. ..	666	1,302	417	143	37	353	109	32	1,091
June .. ..	601	954	319	51	52	283	98	36	839
<b>1957-58—</b>									
July .. ..	665	1,256	317	135	61	347	96	41	997
August .. ..	732	1,126	337	75	78	355	117	35	997
September ..	732	1,029	348	116	79	356	115	41	1,055
October .. ..	711	1,020	385	137	85	376	148	40	1,171
November ..	657	985	327	124	59	376	112	37	1,035
December ..	613	1,008	329	88	52	364	185	49	1,067
January .. ..	606	1,247	309	109	42	358	186	49	1,053
February ..	488	1,139	280	111	48	334	139	34	946
March .. ..	515	1,280	285	134	51	380	189	43	1,082
April .. ..	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May .. ..	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June .. ..	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
<b>1958-59 p—</b>									
July .. ..	659	1,263	391	109	66	376	128	86	1,156
August .. ..	680	1,108	335	91	73	381	121	58	1,059
September ..	652	1,046	325	134	63	294	127	51	994
October .. ..	653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November ..	632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December ..	760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January .. ..	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February ..	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March .. ..	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1948-49.. ..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50.. ..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51.. ..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52.. ..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53.. ..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54.. ..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55.. ..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56.. ..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57.. ..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58.. ..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1956-57—									
March .. ..	145	221	27	40	7	8	9	33	124
April .. ..	173	238	19	36	8	7	5	39	114
May .. ..	172	219	20	39	6	12	7	37	121
June .. ..	103	183	17	32	5	10	6	32	102
1957-58—									
July .. ..	124	264	18	31	4	8	6	37	104
August .. ..	111	238	21	23	8	8	4	26	90
September ..	117	196	25	37	5	10	9	31	117
October .. ..	97	272	21	32	5	8	7	32	105
November ..	134	234	15	41	7	15	9	26	113
December ..	111	237	56	29	5	4	3	13	110
January .. ..	80	261	17	26	4	19	6	10	82
February ..	71	215	16	25	4	7	12	29	93
March .. ..	121	254	17	34	8	6	10	16	91
April .. ..	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May .. ..	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June .. ..	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59 p—									
July .. ..	140	196	22	30	5	5	3	15	80
August .. ..	102	282	19	29	4	8	4	18	82
September ..	123	221	17	18	5	5	9	23	77
October .. ..	111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November ..	111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December ..	103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January .. ..	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February ..	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March .. ..	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department at end of period.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.	Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period.	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
				Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
<b>Monthly Average.</b>					
1948-49 .. ..	2,776	(b) 1,763	..	734	1,028
1949-50 .. ..	3,196	(b) 1,841	..	793	1,110
1950-51 .. ..	3,732	(b) 1,885	..	864	1,209
1951-52 .. ..	4,948	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53 .. ..	5,367	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54 .. ..	5,650	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55 .. ..	6,069	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56 .. ..	6,612	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57 .. ..	7,519	2,107	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58 .. ..	8,065	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
<b>Monthly Total.</b>					
1956-57—					
April .. ..	7,539	2,108	42	1,266	1,795
May .. ..	8,457	2,111	57	1,272	1,804
June .. ..	8,962	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
1957-58—					
July .. ..	7,423	2,113	90	1,284	1,823
August .. ..	7,532	2,117	106	1,290	1,833
September .. ..	7,503	2,123	120	1,296	1,843
October .. ..	8,563	2,112	133	1,303	1,853
November .. ..	7,510	2,140	151	1,311	1,863
December .. ..	8,623	2,142	167	1,319	1,874
January .. ..	8,469	2,141	178	1,325	1,883
February .. ..	7,565	2,145	200	1,331	1,892
March .. ..	8,154	2,135	220	1,337	1,901
April .. ..	7,906	2,135	239	1,343	1,910
May .. ..	8,482	2,138	262	1,351	1,922
June .. ..	9,046	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—					
July .. ..	8,449	2,147	328	1,369	1,948
August .. ..	7,661	2,146	358	1,376	1,958
September .. ..	8,512	2,172	390	1,383	1,968
October .. ..	9,299	2,201	415	1,391	1,979
November .. ..	7,784	2,195	433	1,398	1,989
December .. ..	9,714	2,210	455	1,404	1,999
January .. ..	7,872	2,210	468	1,410	2,006
February .. ..	7,823	2,211	484	1,416	2,017
March .. ..	8,450	2,235	506	1,422	2,026
April .. ..	9,700	2,266	530	1,428	2,036

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956 but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>								
1951-52 .. ..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53 .. ..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54 .. ..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55 .. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56 .. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57 .. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1957-58 .. ..	45.6	343.9	389.5	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6
<b>1956-57—</b>								
April .. ..	44.1	344.6	388.7	340.3	19.8	208.3	428.0	470.6
May .. ..	46.3	337.8	384.1	340.3	20.6	212.3	450.7	461.5
June .. ..	43.9	337.7	381.6	340.3	28.0	208.9	459.1	459.8
<b>1957-58—</b>								
July .. ..	43.3	338.7	382.0	340.3	27.9	208.9	471.1	450.0
August .. ..	43.0	342.4	385.4	340.3	30.4	209.4	473.1	468.5
September ..	42.9	343.8	386.7	340.3	29.4	206.8	472.5	480.9
October .. ..	44.0	343.7	387.7	340.3	32.8	211.4	471.1	496.0
November ..	44.7	345.2	389.9	340.3	23.6	216.4	466.4	499.7
December (b) ..	52.9	351.6	404.5	340.3	24.3	213.8	470.9	508.9
January .. ..	50.4	346.9	397.3	340.3	28.5	216.7	470.6	496.4
February .. ..	45.0	340.8	385.8	340.3	24.0	223.2	464.4	479.0
March .. ..	45.2	342.5	387.7	325.3	23.6	226.0	459.3	468.0
April .. ..	47.1	347.5	394.6	313.2	14.7	229.1	437.7	477.6
May .. ..	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8
June .. ..	45.3	342.6	387.9	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6
<b>1958-59—</b>								
July .. ..	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0
August .. ..	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3
September ..	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3
October .. ..	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	223.4	392.2	521.5
November ..	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3	229.5	396.6	516.9
December (b) ..	54.8	367.0	421.8	265.1	22.3	228.8	405.1	525.6
January .. ..	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5	225.5	407.3	497.6
February .. ..	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8
March .. ..	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7
April .. ..	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.



**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),  
and  
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA**  
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)  
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)								Commonwealth Bank—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Ad- vances.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other.
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>												
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	6.6	26.4	13.3	..	76.4	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	<sup>b</sup> 17.2	<sup>c</sup> 25.8	21.7	<sup>c</sup> 59.5	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1953-54 ..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5	16.6	4.7
1954-55 ..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8	17.0	6.7
1955-56 ..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1	16.6	9.0
1956-57 ..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1	16.5	9.4
1957-58 ..	54.9	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	40.2	107.8	33.7	5.5	16.0	9.4
1956-57—												
April ..	45.2	144.7	189.9	10.7	3.5	36.9	39.2	103.7	66.8	5.2	16.5	9.4
May ..	45.8	142.7	188.5	9.7	3.9	36.2	39.2	105.2	54.8	5.3	16.1	9.5
June ..	47.7	146.2	193.9	11.1	7.0	36.6	39.2	102.5	42.5	5.2	15.9	9.6
1957-58—												
July ..	49.5	143.3	192.8	10.7	6.0	39.0	39.2	107.3	41.2	5.3	15.8	9.6
August ..	50.6	144.1	194.7	10.6	5.6	43.0	39.2	105.5	30.5	5.4	15.8	9.7
September ..	50.4	145.4	195.8	11.4	3.7	47.0	39.2	104.6	22.2	5.4	15.9	9.9
October ..	50.8	152.5	203.3	11.3	5.2	49.3	39.2	105.2	20.7	5.5	16.1	9.8
November ..	53.8	155.9	209.7	11.4	6.7	51.7	39.2	105.4	20.4	5.5	16.1	9.7
December(d)	55.2	159.8	215.0	9.9	3.5	54.0	43.6	104.6	18.3	5.5	16.2	9.8
January ..	55.1	148.8	203.9	11.0	2.5	46.4	43.6	107.1	29.9	5.5	16.2	9.4
February ..	55.6	148.6	204.2	10.9	2.8	44.8	43.6	107.5	45.5	5.6	16.0	9.2
March ..	57.6	151.3	208.9	11.8	8.2	45.3	40.5	108.1	48.0	5.6	16.0	9.1
April ..	58.6	152.4	211.0	10.4	6.8	46.8	39.7	110.6	46.3	5.6	16.0	8.9
May ..	59.1	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	38.4	113.4	38.2	5.7	16.1	9.0
June ..	63.3	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	37.9	113.9	37.9	5.7	16.3	9.1
1958-59—												
July ..	65.6	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	37.4	119.2	30.2	5.8	16.4	9.1
August ..	65.9	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	37.1	121.2	22.3	5.8	16.5	9.2
September ..	67.5	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	37.1	119.0	14.9	5.9	16.7	9.1
October ..	68.1	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6	37.1	121.2	12.6	5.9	17.1	9.0
November ..	67.9	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3	38.1	122.3	11.9	5.9	17.7	9.1
December(d)	66.4	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6	38.2	124.0	12.1	5.9	18.4	9.0
January ..	66.8	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2	38.4	125.6	29.1	6.0	18.2	8.9
February ..	67.5	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	36.3	123.9	72.9	6.0	17.9	8.9
March ..	68.1	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	34.1	121.3	98.3	6.0	17.5	9.0
April ..	67.9	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	34.3	112.9	96.7	6.1	17.5	9.0

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	..	262.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	..	274.4
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	..	288.1
1951-52.. ..	238.2	(c) 963.5	1,201.7	60.6	32.4	67.0	466.0	(c) 621.4
1952-53.. ..	218.7	945.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7	638.1
1953-54.. ..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2	658.5
1954-55(d)	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1	776.8
1955-56.. ..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8	804.4
1956-57.. ..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1	762.6
1957-58.. ..	345.4	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	287.4	774.3
1956-57—								
April .. ..	311.9	1,083.1	1,395.0	51.7	47.7	184.0	300.4	743.5
May .. ..	316.3	1,052.4	1,368.7	55.8	27.7	173.5	300.4	757.3
June .. ..	321.2	1,040.9	1,362.1	56.1	15.9	167.6	300.4	766.2
1957-58—								
July .. ..	328.9	1,020.7	1,349.6	59.1	18.8	158.9	300.4	770.5
August .. ..	330.6	1,001.3	1,331.9	60.3	17.0	158.3	300.4	762.0
September ..	334.2	1,008.0	1,342.2	57.9	21.1	159.8	300.4	756.1
October .. ..	344.3	1,041.2	1,385.5	62.7	34.8	163.2	300.4	765.5
November ..	344.2	1,062.4	1,406.6	56.9	37.8	174.6	300.4	772.0
December(e)	346.0	1,085.7	1,431.7	66.4	46.2	180.5	296.0	766.3
January .. ..	352.4	1,093.3	1,445.7	69.2	69.5	196.1	296.0	753.4
February .. ..	352.4	1,091.2	1,443.6	58.9	77.1	201.9	296.0	749.6
March .. ..	356.4	1,093.2	1,449.6	56.9	86.1	204.4	284.0	754.6
April .. ..	353.3	1,061.1	1,414.4	53.2	33.5	196.3	272.9	792.2
May .. ..	350.2	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	254.9	819.5
June .. ..	352.8	990.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	244.2	831.7
1958-59—								
July .. ..	363.5	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	233.2	844.9
August .. ..	366.2	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	227.5	838.8
September ..	361.7	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	227.5	829.8
October .. ..	365.9	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2	227.5	830.9
November ..	367.3	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4	226.5	824.6
December (e)	367.9	1,025.5	1,393.4	64.8	40.9	191.3	226.4	808.2
January .. ..	372.0	1,030.0	1,402.0	66.3	57.9	212.9	226.2	794.8
February .. ..	371.7	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	217.0	775.3
March .. ..	371.6	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	215.5	764.3
April .. ..	374.6	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.0	46.6	239.0	215.3	782.2

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	..	..	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	..	..	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	..	..	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1951-52	..	..	5.0	7.7	13.3	38.8	(c) 51.7	80.2
1952-53	..	..	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9	81.2
1953-54	..	..	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55(d)	..	..	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	..	..	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	..	..	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	..	..	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1956-57—								
April	..	..	3.7	7.1	20.3	21.5	53.3	77.6
May	..	..	4.1	6.1	18.8	21.9	55.3	76.9
June	..	..	4.1	5.3	17.6	22.1	56.3	76.4
1957-58—								
July	..	..	4.4	5.8	17.6	22.3	57.1	75.6
August	..	..	4.5	5.8	17.7	22.5	57.2	75.2
September	..	..	4.3	5.9	17.8	22.4	56.3	75.1
October	..	..	4.5	7.0	18.8	21.7	55.2	75.2
November	..	..	4.0	6.7	19.1	21.4	54.9	75.5
December(e)	..	..	4.6	7.9	20.5	20.7	53.5	75.8
January	..	..	4.8	9.6	23.2	20.5	52.1	75.6
February	..	..	4.1	9.4	23.4	20.5	51.9	75.6
March	..	..	3.9	9.8	24.0	19.6	52.1	75.4
April	..	..	3.7	6.1	20.0	19.3	56.0	75.0
May	..	..	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5	74.1
June	..	..	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9	73.7
1958-59—								
July	..	..	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5	72.7
August	..	..	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5	72.3
September	..	..	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7	72.7
October	..	..	4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4	73.0
November	..	..	4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1	73.2
December(e)	..	..	4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0	73.6
January	..	..	4.7	8.8	24.0	16.1	56.7	73.5
February	..	..	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6	73.8
March	..	..	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4	74.1
April	..	..	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . . , see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)**  
(Major Trading Banks.)

**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>								
1951-52.. ..	258.3	1,054.1	1,312.4	67.2	58.8	80.3	466.0	697.8
1952-53.. ..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5	697.6
1953-54.. ..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0	727.7
1954-55(c) ..	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2	865.9
1955-56.. ..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0	908.3
1956-57.. ..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7	869.1
1957-58.. ..	400.3	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	327.6	882.1
<b>1956-57—</b>								
April .. ..	357.1	1,227.8	1,584.9	62.4	51.2	221.0	339.6	847.1
May .. ..	362.0	1,195.2	1,557.2	65.5	31.6	209.6	339.6	862.5
June .. ..	368.8	1,187.2	1,556.0	67.2	22.9	204.2	339.6	868.8
<b>1957-58—</b>								
July .. ..	378.4	1,164.0	1,542.4	69.8	24.8	197.9	339.6	877.8
August .. ..	381.2	1,145.4	1,526.6	70.9	22.6	201.3	339.6	867.5
September ..	384.6	1,153.5	1,538.1	69.3	24.8	206.8	339.6	860.7
October .. ..	395.1	1,193.7	1,588.8	74.1	40.0	212.6	339.6	870.7
November ..	398.0	1,218.3	1,616.3	68.3	44.5	226.3	339.6	877.4
December(d) ..	401.2	1,245.5	1,646.7	76.2	49.7	234.5	339.6	870.9
January .. ..	407.5	1,242.1	1,649.6	80.2	72.0	242.5	339.6	860.5
February .. ..	408.0	1,239.8	1,647.8	69.8	79.9	246.7	339.6	857.1
March .. ..	413.9	1,244.6	1,658.5	68.7	94.4	249.7	324.6	862.7
April .. ..	411.9	1,213.5	1,625.4	63.6	40.3	243.1	312.6	902.8
May .. ..	409.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	293.3	932.9
June .. ..	416.1	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	282.1	945.6
<b>1958-59—</b>								
July .. ..	429.1	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	270.6	964.1
August .. ..	432.1	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	264.6	960.0
September ..	429.2	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	264.6	948.8
October .. ..	434.0	1,145.9	1,579.9	71.5	36.6	213.8	264.6	952.1
November ..	435.2	1,169.0	1,604.2	69.4	46.0	233.7	264.6	946.9
December(d) ..	434.2	1,191.8	1,626.0	76.6	44.7	251.9	264.6	932.2
January .. ..	438.8	1,184.4	1,623.2	78.6	60.4	263.1	264.6	920.4
February .. ..	439.2	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	253.3	899.2
March .. ..	439.7	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	249.6	885.6
April .. ..	442.5	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	249.6	905.1

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1951-52	..	..	5.1	9.6	15.7	35.5	53.2	80.3
1952-53	..	..	6.5	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4	81.2
1953-54	..	..	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8	80.8
1954-55(c)	..	..	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	..	..	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	..	..	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	..	..	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1956-57—								
April	..	..	3.9	7.1	21.1	21.4	53.5	77.5
May	..	..	4.2	6.2	19.7	21.8	55.4	76.7
June..	..	..	4.3	5.8	18.9	21.8	55.8	76.3
1957-58—								
July	..	..	4.6	6.2	19.0	22.0	56.9	75.5
August	..	..	4.6	6.1	19.3	22.2	56.8	75.0
September	..	..	4.5	6.1	19.6	22.1	56.0	75.0
October	..	..	4.7	7.2	20.6	21.4	54.8	75.1
November	..	..	4.2	7.0	21.0	21.0	54.3	75.4
December(d)	..	..	4.6	7.6	21.9	20.6	52.9	75.6
January	..	..	4.8	9.2	23.9	20.6	52.2	75.3
February	..	..	4.2	9.1	24.1	20.6	52.0	75.2
March	..	..	4.1	9.8	24.9	19.6	52.0	75.0
April	..	..	3.9	6.4	21.4	19.2	55.5	74.7
May	..	..	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6	73.8
June..	..	..	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7	73.3
1958-59—								
July ..	..	..	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3	72.3
August	..	..	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4	71.9
September	..	..	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4	72.2
October	..	..	4.5	6.8	20.4	16.7	60.3	72.5
November	..	..	4.3	7.2	21.8	16.5	59.0	72.9
December(d)	..	..	4.7	7.5	23.0	16.3	57.3	73.3
January	..	..	4.9	8.5	24.8	16.3	56.7	73.0
February	..	..	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7	73.3
March	..	..	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3	73.5
April	..	..	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>								
1951-52.. ..	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	72.3	61.7	94.4	468.6	759.7
1952-53.. ..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3
1953-54.. ..	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7
1954-55.. ..	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1
1955-56.. ..	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1
1956-57.. ..	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8
1957-58.. ..	420.6	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	328.3	963.3
<b>1956-57—</b>								
April .. ..	374.5	1,272.5	1,647.0	66.2	57.4	236.7	340.3	926.7
May .. ..	379.4	1,238.3	1,617.7	69.4	37.3	224.8	340.3	942.0
June .. ..	386.8	1,228.7	1,615.5	71.3	27.1	219.2	340.3	948.4
<b>1957-58—</b>								
July .. ..	397.6	1,205.2	1,602.8	74.3	29.6	212.6	340.3	956.5
August .. ..	400.3	1,185.6	1,585.9	74.5	26.9	215.6	340.3	945.1
September .. ..	403.9	1,192.7	1,596.6	73.0	29.2	220.8	340.3	939.2
October .. ..	414.3	1,234.5	1,648.8	78.0	44.8	226.4	340.3	950.7
November .. ..	417.7	1,260.6	1,678.3	72.6	49.8	240.7	340.3	957.7
December(d) .. ..	421.1	1,288.5	1,709.6	80.6	55.3	249.0	340.3	952.0
January .. ..	427.9	1,287.7	1,715.6	84.5	77.3	257.3	340.3	941.9
February .. ..	428.4	1,284.9	1,713.3	73.7	86.0	261.7	340.3	939.0
March .. ..	433.9	1,289.3	1,723.2	72.3	99.1	264.7	325.3	945.4
April .. ..	432.9	1,256.4	1,689.3	67.1	43.0	258.1	313.3	986.0
May .. ..	431.8	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	294.0	1,017.1
June .. ..	439.1	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	282.7	1,030.1
<b>1958-59—</b>								
July .. ..	454.1	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	271.2	1,048.8
August .. ..	457.0	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	265.2	1,044.2
September .. ..	453.7	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	265.2	1,033.7
October .. ..	458.9	1,182.3	1,641.2	75.3	37.1	227.2	265.2	1,037.0
November .. ..	460.2	1,206.5	1,666.7	73.3	46.5	247.2	265.2	1,032.9
December (d) .. ..	458.9	1,229.8	1,688.7	81.1	45.2	265.2	265.2	1,018.8
January .. ..	463.1	1,224.5	1,687.6	82.9	61.2	277.2	265.2	1,007.0
February .. ..	463.4	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	253.9	984.9
March .. ..	464.0	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	250.2	971.6
April .. ..	467.3	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	250.2	991.5

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.



# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>								
1951-52.. ..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53.. ..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54.. ..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b) ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56.. ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57.. ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1957-58.. ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	1.5	592.0
<b>1956-57—</b>								
April .. ..	232.2	210.4	63.8	46.0	27.4	12.8	1.3	593.9
May .. ..	229.8	214.6	64.2	44.9	29.0	13.3	1.4	597.2
June .. ..	234.5	201.7	65.9	44.3	27.6	13.4	1.4	588.8
<b>1957-58—</b>								
July .. ..	235.9	204.5	70.9	46.5	28.5	12.8	1.6	600.7
August .. ..	205.8	184.0	60.2	38.7	26.3	11.2	1.3	527.5
September ..	227.4	196.6	67.3	43.1	29.6	11.8	1.2	577.0
October .. ..	233.6	210.5	69.2	44.1	32.4	12.0	1.5	603.3
November ..	237.9	212.5	66.4	45.6	31.9	12.6	1.4	608.3
December ..	253.9	242.8	72.5	48.8	32.7	15.3	1.5	667.5
January .. ..	200.6	173.5	57.1	39.1	30.7	10.5	1.2	512.7
February ..	232.6	201.9	61.7	45.9	31.2	12.8	1.5	587.6
March .. ..	239.8	212.5	64.2	45.6	31.2	14.5	1.6	609.4
April .. ..	234.2	216.5	66.8	46.1	29.8	13.9	2.1	609.4
May .. ..	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	1.7	608.2
June .. ..	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	1.8	603.0
<b>1958-59—</b>								
July .. ..	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	2.3	622.7
August .. ..	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	1.6	558.2
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	1.9	597.7
October .. ..	252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	1.8	639.8
November ..	254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	1.8	644.4
December ..	274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	2.0	706.7
January .. ..	205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	1.7	524.4
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	2.0	672.2
March .. ..	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	1.8	663.7
April .. ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	2.2	639.0

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								Australia.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58 ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1956-57—									
April ..	411.2	400.6	140.4	138.3	61.0	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,194.9
May ..	413.1	402.8	141.3	138.7	61.3	38.5	1.8	3.3	1,200.8
June ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	a 1,227.4
1957-58—									
July ..	424.9	412.9	146.5	143.2	63.0	39.2	2.0	3.4	1,235.1
August ..	429.1	416.9	148.7	143.9	63.8	39.9	2.0	3.4	1,247.7
September ..	430.9	418.0	150.1	144.2	64.1	39.8	2.1	3.5	1,252.7
October ..	436.0	422.0	152.1	146.1	65.1	40.0	2.1	3.5	1,266.9
November ..	436.2	423.2	152.0	146.2	65.1	39.8	2.1	3.6	1,268.2
December ..	437.1	423.0	151.4	145.7	64.9	39.6	2.0	3.6	1,267.3
January ..	439.0	423.3	150.6	146.4	64.8	39.7	2.0	3.7	1,269.5
February ..	439.7	423.2	150.0	146.3	64.6	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.4
March ..	439.1	422.7	149.4	145.9	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.8	1,267.3
April ..	440.4	423.5	149.8	145.7	64.8	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.8
May ..	440.7	425.4	150.0	145.0	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.7	1,271.2
June ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	a 1,296.8
1958-59—									
July ..	451.9	434.9	155.1	149.6	66.4	40.7	2.2	4.0	1,304.8
August ..	454.1	437.1	156.2	149.4	66.5	41.3	2.2	4.0	1,310.8
September ..	457.7	439.1	158.2	149.8	67.7	41.5	2.2	4.0	1,320.2
October ..	459.3	440.8	159.4	150.0	67.9	41.3	2.2	4.1	1,325.0
November ..	462.7	443.0	160.6	150.6	68.3	41.4	2.3	4.1	1,333.0
December ..	465.7	443.9	161.3	150.6	68.2	41.3	2.2	4.2	1,337.4
January ..	468.1	443.6	160.1	150.8	68.2	41.4	2.1	4.3	1,338.6
February ..	471.3	444.5	160.3	151.8	68.5	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,344.6
March ..	473.0	445.8	160.6	152.6	69.1	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,349.3
April ..	474.3	444.9	161.2	152.4	69.2	41.8	2.1	4.5	1,350.4

(a) Interest added 1956-57, £29.1m.; 1957-58, £31.2m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	Number.	Sum Assured £'000.					
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1937 .. ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938 .. ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939 .. ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
<b>1956-57—</b>									
March .. ..	25,291	31,747	18,375	2,866	6,282	1,245	2,606	858	5,698
April .. ..	21,986	27,805	18,850	2,936	6,450	1,254	2,389	832	5,085
May .. ..	25,644	34,790	17,023	2,653	7,323	1,274	2,665	963	5,525
June .. ..	27,024	36,554	18,934	3,003	7,971	1,306	2,427	887	5,231
<b>1957-58—</b>									
July .. ..	28,518	46,239	19,963	3,239	7,997	1,305	2,954	1,089	5,030
August .. ..	28,179	37,205	21,061	3,345	6,922	1,271	2,931	1,113	4,504
September ..	31,917	40,560	23,220	3,673	7,187	1,329	2,852	925	4,476
October .. ..	26,766	35,428	17,797	2,865	7,154	1,351	2,725	937	5,700
November ..	25,551	42,139	17,193	2,783	6,458	1,347	2,732	994	4,969
December ..	29,968	60,479	14,981	2,696	7,654	1,447	3,119	764	6,507
January .. ..	12,325	15,160	5,094	767	6,094	793	2,161	689	3,258
February ..	19,583	27,499	14,930	2,332	6,161	1,238	2,562	869	4,076
March .. ..	25,173	34,355	17,866	2,893	7,480	1,332	2,941	957	4,937
April .. ..	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,363	1,197	2,592	777	5,687
May .. ..	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379
June .. ..	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,170	1,363	3,036	869	4,862
<b>1958-59—</b>									
July .. ..	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,869	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777
August .. ..	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,201	1,209	3,001	959	5,107
September ..	33,878	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577
October .. ..	25,273	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,469	1,303	2,924	833	7,093
November ..	24,970	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,881	1,573	2,808	846	6,033
December ..	28,549	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,584	1,276	3,447	767	8,036
January .. ..	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,521	754	2,312	613	3,876
February ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495
March .. ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,956	1,321	2,928	911	6,389

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities.

(d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash.

(e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, —, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates (a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Govern- ment Securities taxed at Current Common- wealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37 .. ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h)5.3
1937-38 .. ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h)5.3
1938-39 .. ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i)5.4
1951-52 .. ..	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 .. ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 .. ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 .. ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 .. ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 .. ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 .. ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1956-57—								(i) (j)
April .. ..	125.25	2.789	2.219	15.625	12.520	4.77	5.06	6.6
May .. ..	125.25	2.791	2.221	15.625	12.516	4.70	5.05	6.7
June .. ..	125.25	2.790	2.221	15.625	12.539	4.62	5.04	6.7
1957-58—								
July .. ..	125.25	2.788	2.219	15.625	12.551	4.48	5.02	6.8
August .. ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.565	4.51	5.01	6.9
September ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.552	4.44	4.98	6.9
October .. ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.492	4.36	5.00	6.9
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.479	4.43	5.00	6.9
December ..	125.25	2.802	2.233	15.625	12.469	4.41	5.00	6.9
January .. ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.445	4.40	5.01	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.458	4.38	5.01	7.0
March .. ..	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.464	4.30	4.98	7.1
April .. ..	125.25	2.816	2.242	15.625	12.461	4.30	4.96	7.1
May .. ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June .. ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July .. ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August .. ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0
October .. ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	4.25	4.98	7.0
November ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.510	4.24	4.96	7.0
December ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.515	4.23	4.93	7.0
January .. ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.495	4.18	4.96	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March .. ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April .. ..	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

# INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent per Annum)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1940—28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	4.25	} (b) {	2.00	1.50	3.250
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25		5.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Common- wealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Common- wealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1957-58—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	30th Nov. ..	228,000	5,000	233,000
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	31st Dec. ..	251,000	8,500	259,500
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	31st Jan. ..	249,000	8,500	257,500
1951 ..	108,280	2,400	110,680	28th Feb. ..	248,000	8,500	256,500
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st Mar. ..	241,000	6,000	247,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	30th April ..	168,000	6,000	174,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	31st May ..	134,000	5,000	139,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	30th June ..	140,000	..	140,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	1958-59—			
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	31st July ..	142,000	3,000	145,000
1958 ..	140,000	..	140,000	31st August ..	163,000	3,000	166,000
1956-57—				30th Sept. ..	195,000	3,000	198,000
31st May ..	147,000	9,000	156,000	31st Oct. ..	228,000	3,000	231,000
30th June ..	150,000	..	150,000	30th Nov. ..	254,000	3,000	257,000
1957-58—				31st Dec. ..	282,000	5,000	287,000
31st July ..	139,000	3,000	142,000	31st Jan. ..	268,000	5,000	273,000
31st August	160,000	3,000	163,000	28th Feb. ..	229,000	5,000	234,000
30th Sept. ..	185,000	3,000	188,000	31st Mar. ..	239,000	4,250	243,250
31st Oct ..	216,000	3,000	219,000	30th April ..	163,000	4,250	167,250

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.  
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

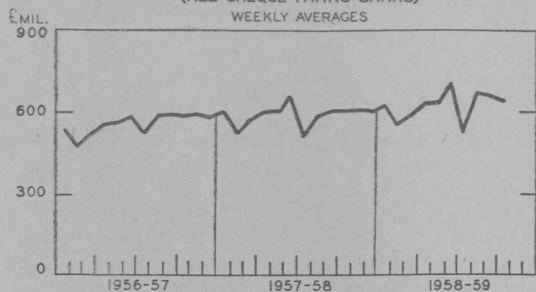
(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 .. ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1952-53 .. ..	182.8	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	438.0	1,040.1	1,305.7
1953-54 .. ..	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55 .. ..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56 .. ..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57 .. ..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 .. ..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 (Estimate) ..	237.8	152.5	99.4	67.8	59.8	21.7	639.0	1,310.5	1,699.6
1956-57—									
July-February ..	133.7	72.8	52.5	37.8	33.5	10.9	341.2	639.2	859.4
March ..	150.5	82.4	59.1	42.9	37.8	12.8	385.5	750.0	999.4
April ..	173.0	95.1	67.7	48.5	42.9	14.4	441.6	932.5	1,211.4
1957-58—									
July-February ..	137.0	77.7	53.4	41.3	35.0	11.0	355.4	673.2	898.2
March ..	155.8	87.9	60.0	46.7	39.5	13.1	403.0	796.9	1,051.9
April ..	178.1	101.3	69.3	52.4	44.7	15.0	460.8	996.5	1,279.2
1958-59—									
July-February ..	141.0	81.2	61.8	41.9	37.3	12.4	375.6	679.6	915.0
March ..	160.4	90.9	68.5	47.0	41.6	14.7	423.1	787.5	1,052.9
April ..	184.3	106.4	78.7	53.4	47.4	16.6	486.8	973.4	1,271.7
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39 .. ..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1952-53 .. ..	182.7	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	438.3	1,040.1	1,306.0
1953-54 .. ..	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55 .. ..	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56 .. ..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57 .. ..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58 .. ..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 (Estimate) ..	237.8	154.2	101.2	68.8	61.8	22.8	646.6	1,310.5	1,707.2
1956-57—									
July-February ..	142.1	84.9	55.6	39.2	37.4	12.3	371.5	709.0	959.9
March ..	158.9	95.6	62.2	43.9	42.0	13.8	416.4	798.8	1,079.1
April ..	179.5	107.3	69.4	49.2	46.5	15.9	467.8	900.5	1,205.6
1957-58—									
July-February ..	145.2	88.9	57.9	42.0	38.6	12.8	385.4	756.6	1,011.6
March ..	161.6	100.4	65.0	47.1	43.2	14.4	431.7	861.3	1,145.0
April ..	183.6	113.2	73.1	53.2	47.8	16.5	487.4	996.5	1,305.8
1958-59									
July-February ..	150.4	94.1	66.2	43.5	41.6	14.5	410.3	806.5	1,076.5
March ..	168.4	106.2	74.4	49.0	46.4	16.3	460.7	898.5	1,201.5
April ..	191.5	120.9	82.5	55.5	51.6	18.5	520.4	998.6	1,330.5

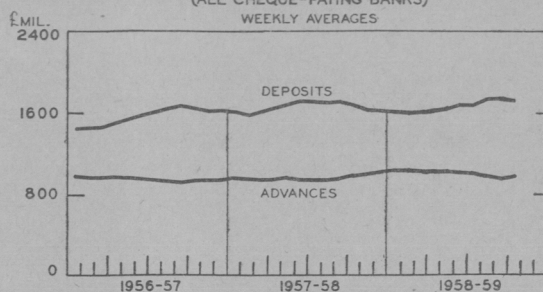
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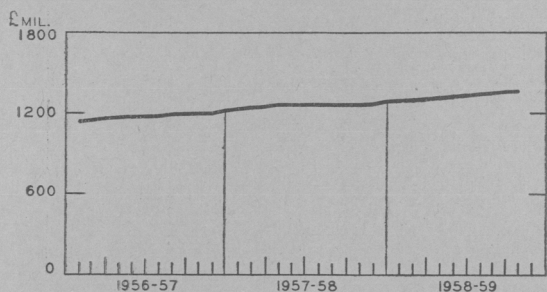
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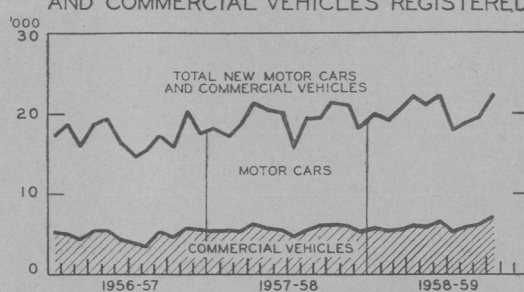
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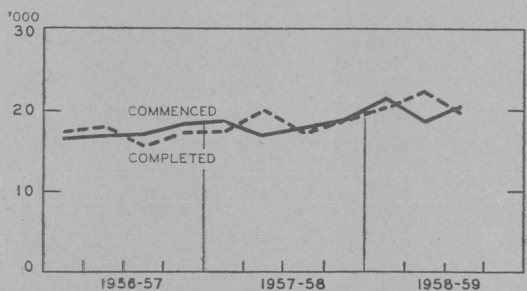
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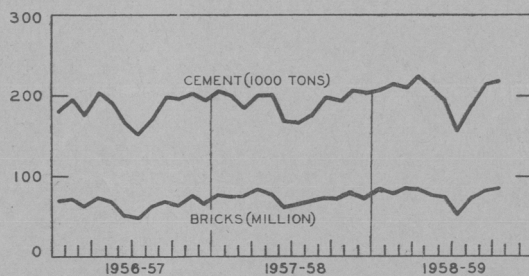
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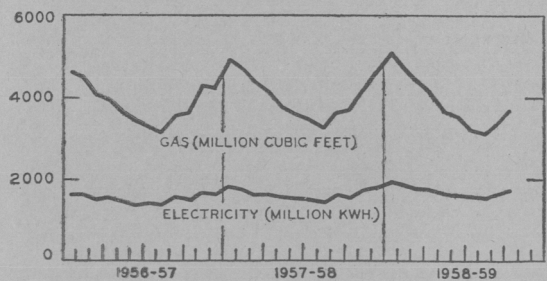
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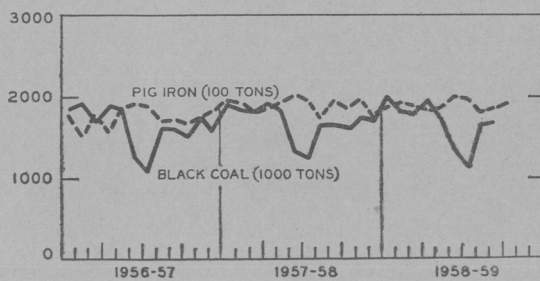
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